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Bradshaw has to come back for Walsall



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## Hospital calls to find beds for babies

MEDICAL staff had to ring round hospitals to find space for premature twins who then had to travel almost 90 miles for care, an inquest heard.

Jack and Spencer Dolan died in Liverpool having been moved there following their births at just 25 weeks at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Liverpool Women's Hospital was the closest specialist premature ward with spaces available on May 31.

But an inquest heard how staff had to call each unit to see if there was space – something senior coroner Zafar Siddique said was not the best use of their time.

He said the deaths were due to complications from the early birth. There was no suggestion the journey caused any problems. But he said: "It is not the best use of time for a medic to be calling around hospitals."

The hospital is not equipped to deal with babies born under 28 weeks, consultant radiologist Dr Caroline Holland told the inquest at Smethwick Council House: "It is not an efficient way, it took 45 minutes."

It found the babies died from brain injuries and complications due to the premature births. Their parents Victoria and Christopher Dolan, of Barn Owl Drive, Pelsall, were at the inquest.

## Town has too few working

THERE are almost 20,000 thousand fewer jobs available in Walsall than should be for a town of its size.

A report to the full council this week shows from more than 167,000 adults only just over 98,000 have been in work. Statistics from the ONS Business Register and Employment Survey say a town of Walsall's population should be nearer 118,000. A report from regeneration chief, councillor Mohammad Nazir, says: "The starkest issue we face is the lack of jobs per adult."

# JOY AS RUBBISH PLAN DUMPED

**CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating a decision to throw out a proposed rubbish tip in Walsall on grounds it would cause noise and odour.**

AB Waste hopes to relocate its disposal plant from Darlaston to vacant industrial premises in Willenhall Lane near Dudley Fields and Beechdale, sparked protests in the community.

The firm wanted to set up on a site situated between the Wyrley and Essington Canal and the main entrance to Willenhall Industrial Estate.

If given the go-ahead, the 24-hour waste recycling facility in Bloxwich would have handle up to 175,000 tons a year of waste.

Protest organiser Bradley Allen, aged 17, of Moorland Road, Dudley Fields, said: "It really is a huge weight lifted off of our shoulders, this was the most inappropriate place to erect a business such as this."

"Local residents and business owners alike are both thrilled with the refusal."

"It is great to finally have an answer after months of waiting after our petition was handed in to the council."

### Huge

"Residents tell me that it is great to have peace of mind."

Bloxwich West councillors Louise Harrison, and Pattie Lane, and Birchills Leamore's Tina Jukes supported the campaign.

Councillor Jukes said: "I welcome this decision."

"The council listened to local people, councillors and myself and after proper investigation decided those fears to be well founded. This proposal if passed would have had a major detrimental effect on the local community."

By Deborah Hardiman

Councillor Lane added the decision has come as a great relief to people living in the Dudley Fields area close to the proposed site.

Planners refused the move on grounds including that its location, use of outside areas, and design would result in a loss of amenity to nearby homes, by 'virtue of noise and disturbance, dust and odour'.

The decision notice states that: "The application has failed to demonstrate that the nature of these operations can be appropriately mitigated."

It added the position of a proposed 10.5 metre high boundary wall would harm the appearance of the area.

Last year angry campaigners collected more than 1,100 signatures to oppose it.

They armed themselves with protest banners and posters in a site protest to vent their feelings.

Walsall North MP David Winnick, who backed the campaign, said: "I am delighted that the application by AB Waste has been refused by the council."

There was no one available at AB Waste to comment.

## Gary lights up his home for Christmas



Ho, ho, ho... Gary Groves and his son Thomas with the Leamore lights

IT may still be five weeks until Christmas, but one Walsall family has already decked out their home with thousands of lights.

An inflatable Father Christmas, illuminated sleigh and two flying reindeer make up the impressive display in Bagnall Street, Leamore.

It is the work of father-of-five Gary Groves.

It took the 44-year-old nine days to put up all the lights and decorations.

He said: "I put them up every year, but each year the display gets bigger and better."

"I do it so the community can enjoy looking at all the lights."

"People pull up in their cars, get out and start taking pictures. When I see that it makes it worth all the hard work I put in."

Mr Groves started the display on November 3.

Some days he would spend nine hours battling the wind and rain to finish off the festive attraction, which features more than 4,000 light bulbs of all colours.

Catering butcher Mr Groves added: "I'm really proud of the way the final display looks."

Although he wouldn't say exactly how much of a drain the display was on the purse strings, he said it was 'expensive' but worth it.

The lights will be up until December 30 when Mr Groves, who lives with his wife Tracy and his five children, will start taking them down.

## Derelict church to become care flats

A VANDAL-HIT disused church in Walsall is to be transformed into a care complex, creating jobs, after getting a planning go-ahead.

St Aidan's Church has been standing derelict for more than two years and has been a target for thieves.

Moves to convert the building in Hawbush Road, Leamore, to supported living flats have been given the go-ahead from Walsall Council planners.

Birchills and Leamore councillor Chris Jones backed the plan, saying it would bring the building back into use and provide jobs.

"It will be a real good asset," he said.

The church was built around 1960 but as the congregation dwindled it was shut. It has been standing empty since October 2011.

The application to convert and extend the building to become eight supported living flats was put forward by Select Lifestyles.

An annex will be demolished to create units, staff accommodation and administration facilities.

Up to 15 staff will be employed and 24-hour care will be available for residents aged from 18 to 70, although the intention is to keep people of a similar age together where possible.

## Warning on parking plan

SHOPPERS could vote with their feet and go elsewhere if charges to park in parts of Walsall come in, a senior councillor has warned.

A proposal for £1 for four hours in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall has been suggested as part of the council budget. Liberal Democrats leader Ian Shires said: "It may have an adverse impact on the local economies of the district centres if as a result customers visit on a less frequent basis."

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# Manor takes on 30 more nurses

THIRTY more nurses than first planned have been recruited at Walsall Manor Hospital, as it seeks to cut the number of costly temporary workers.

It brings to 100 the of number of new nurses who will be working at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust by the beginning of next year after a recruitment drive.

It was initially expected there

would be an additional 70, but due to the opening of a £5 million ward it has been agreed to bring in more.

The trust has been battling to control the cost of temporary workers, leading to its moves to bring in more permanent employees.

Temporary workers, including locum and bank staff, cost the trust £1.68m in one month with £766,000 of that going on agency staff. De-

spite the increase in agency staff, the amount spent on locums in September reduced from £500,000 in August to £408,000. The level of expenditure on bank workers was cut from £640,000 to £509,000.

Work is being carried out on the 30-bed ward with the aim of opening on the site off Pleck Road by mid-January.

It will offer additional capacity

during busier periods and patients can also transferred there when redecoration or cleaning work is needed on other wards. It is part of moves to improve resources at the Manor, which is braced for more patients from Staffordshire.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said the new Ward 29 will make a 'massive difference' along with having the additional nurses.

# Cake queen's tears at praise from actress

**HUNGER Games star Jennifer Lawrence is used to seeing her face on the big screen, billboards, and on the front of magazines.**

But the 24-year-old did a double take when she saw the life-size cake of herself that has hit headlines across the world.

The Oscar-winning actress praised Lara Clarke, from Brownhills, who won gold with the 5ft 11in look-alike bake at the Cake International show at the NEC in Birmingham.

Appearing on BBC Radio 1 with her Hunger Games co-stars, Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson, Miss Lawrence was handed a photo of her cake-likeness by host Nick Grimshaw.

"First of all I want to talk to you about this, Jennifer," said Mr Grimshaw. "I didn't bring you this cake because it's really, really creepy, but I want to know if you've seen this cake."

The actress, who play Katniss Everdeen in the Hunger Games films, said: "Oh my God, yeah, I saw it. I saw it. It's 5ft 11in. But seriously if the girl who made that is listening: You're incredibly talented."

## Awesome

Hemsworth, who plays Gale Hawthorne, added: "Good work to the person who did that."

Before Josh, who plays Peeta Mellark, joked: "Your waist is smaller."

Lara, aged 28, quickly posted on Facebook: "Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson just called me amazing on Radio1... Me?"

"I am absolutely gob smacked... Like... I have tears. This is awesome."

Then, snipping the bite of audio in which Lawrence calls her 'incredibly talented,' Miss Clarke added: "I'm so setting this bad boy as my ringtone!! Awesome comments from THE Jennifer Lawrence."

Unfortunately the life-size cake did not survive for long - ending up in pieces in the back of the van returned from the show.

Since unveiling her cake, Lara



Lara Clarke's look-alike cake of Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence

has been on television in five continents with her story spanning across the globe.

"It was really weird, I thought she might see the cake but never that she would comment on it," she said.

"It is absolutely everywhere and I think it is even crazier than last year when I did Johnny Depp because he did not have a movie coming out. I think because the latest Hunger Games film is out she is everywhere."

"There has been a lot of media coming forward and I've just had to ride it out."

"I have done a few live media in-

terviews and got a phone call from Good Morning America and it is awesome."

"It is so weird but so cool." Lara also created a cake of Tyrion, a character in the hit TV series Game of Thrones.

She entered them both into Cake International in Birmingham, which took place earlier this month. She struck gold with Katniss and silver with Tyrion.

"I was very pleased with gold and silver," she said.

"It's the biggest cake competition in the world so to get both was really good. I got gold last year so it



Jennifer is full of praise for Lara talents



Crumbled - the cake crumbles on its way home

was great to carry on that achievement with another one."

Miss Clarke spent three months creating her edible entries for the show. Last year she picked up a gold medal for her Jack Sparrow cake, a 5ft 5in edible look-alike that took 90 hours to make.

This time she decided to make two cakes in different sizes to properly show off her talents.

The combined effort took 150 eggs, 10kg each of flour, butter and sugar, 2kg of natural yoghurt, 5kg of chocolate ganache, 10kg of modelling chocolate and between 50 and 100kg of icing.

# Political clash over library closures

TWO libraries are earmarked to close in Walsall despite an increase in the number of annual visitors.

Pheasey and New Invention have been put forward to shut in the next two years under proposals which will see a total of eight closed to save more than £500,000.

But figures have shown Pheasey, at the Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, generated 32,947 visitors in 2103/2014 compared to 31,747 in the 12 months beforehand. While New Invention, in The Square, Willenhall, increased from 25,102 to 28,878 during the same period.

Pheasey councillor and Conservative group leader Mike Bird said: "The library closures are politically motivated, there is no doubt about it."

"It is right on the edge of the borough, people depend on the services the library delivers and there is an isolation factor that has not been taken into account."

But Walsall Council leader Labour's Sean Coughlan said no final decision on which community facilities will go had yet been made and consultations with residents across the borough was under way. "This is a consultation," he said.

# Carl's call to help troops

AN armed forces champion has been selected in Walsall to support and campaign on behalf of ex-soldiers and their families.

Willenhall councillor Carl Creaney, who served with the Royal Artillery for 18 years, has been selected through the Labour party.

He said: "We promised voters we would appoint a champion to campaign for veterans and I'm pleased and honoured to have been chosen. At a time of austerity it is important that we recognise the sacrifices our young soldiers have made in our name."

# Car park upgrade

A CAR park at Walsall Arboretum is to receive a £170,000 makeover early next year. The Grange parking area is to be improved to tie in with the transformation and extensive upgrade improvements at the beauty spot. It is based in the arboretum extension area.

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## Cinema expansion call wins backing

THE expansion of a cinema as part of multi-million pound regeneration of Walsall town centre has been backed by councillors.

An extra 200 seats than first planned are to be added to the Light cinema at Walsall Waterfront.

It will see seating increased from 1,039 to 1,245 for the overall £12m development which includes retail units.

Conservative group leader councillor Mike Bird, a member of the planning committee which considered the proposal, said: "It will be the catalyst to kickstart the Waterfront."

## Have your say on cuts to budget

A SERIES of 'Have Your Say' sessions are taking place to allow residents to comment on Walsall Council's draft budget proposals. The council needs to save £86 million over the next four years and details of the proposed cuts will be available at the informal drop-in sessions until December 9.

Sessions will be held at Central Library, Lichfield Street, today (Thursday) between noon and 2pm and Darlaston Library tomorrow between 2pm and 4pm.

## Workshop on Great War search

A war-themed family tree workshop is being held in Walsall tomorrow (Friday).

It is being hosted at Walsall Local History Centre, Essex Street, from 10am to 1pm. The workshop entitled 'What Did Your Ancestors Do In WW1?' will be led by archivist Ruth Vyse.

It will look at the ways of uncovering information about war service. Entry is £8 and booking is essential on 01922 721305.

## Accused man dies in hospital

A MAN who denied fraudulently using a prescription has died in hospital. Marcell Laska, aged 34, of Bescot Road, Pleck, was due to appear before Walsall magistrates after a warrant without bail was issued for his arrest.

Chairman of the bench Ajmir Dhaliwal said he died on October 17 and dismissed the charge.

## Cafe plan dropped

PLANS to extend a cafe in Darlaston have been withdrawn ahead of being considered by Walsall councillors. The proposal was to use garden centre space for Lloyds Cafe in Park Lane.

# Next phase of £26m work on roads starts



Councillor Mohammad Nazir chats to contracts manager Angus Watson

WORK has got under way on the next phase of a £26 million scheme to transform the road network in Walsall and help create jobs.

The junction of Darlaston Road and Bescot Road, Pleck, known locally as the Brown Lion junction, will be improved with new traffic lights, a widened carriageway and extra lanes on three of the approaches.

It is hoped it will improve safety. Businesses across Walsall will be invited to pitch for contracts worth millions of pounds as part of the scheme later this month.

Walsall Council's Meet the Buyer event at Walsall College on November 25 will link suppliers and traders with the multi-national contractors who are behind three major regeneration projects in the borough.

Dawnus Construction Ltd recently started the scheme and has been given the task to reconstruct Bentley Road South and Bentley Mill Way, as well as enhance other junctions to reduce congestion between Darlaston and Pleck.

The Welsh contractor is expanding its operations in the Midlands and is looking to appoint firms to supplement its supply

chain. Local suppliers that offer a wide range of trades and services including ground work, plastering, roofing, electricians, plumbers and security are being urged to visit the event at the college's Wisemore campus from 7am to 10am.

Council chiefs said with two other major projects under way in Walsall, including Jhoots' Pharmacy Group's new £3.2m headquarters and the college's £11m business and sports hub, there are numerous contracts up for grabs. Businesses that want to register an interest can call Joyti Herian at Walsall Council on 01922 654716.

# £23,000 benefits fraud by award-winning guitarist

AN award-winning Walsall guitarist was caught performing on TV with X Factor stars JLS while claiming almost £23,000 in benefits he was not entitled to. Joseph Ross, who was paid for his services by the X Factor, Strictly Come Dancing and Sony Entertainment, must now hand back the money.

The 44-year-old was caught by investigators after a video of him playing his guitar during a performance by JLS on ITV 2's Xtra Factor was seen on YouTube. Next spring, he is going on tour with X Factor judge Cheryl Fernandez-Versini.

## Husband's death by hanging is ruled as suicide

A FATHER-OF-TWO was found hanging by his wife at their Walsall home, an inquest heard.

Jaswinder Bhachu had been alone at his home in Walstead Road for a number of hours before his wife returned to find him dead on the afternoon of May 19, the inquest at Smethwick Council House heard.

The inquest heard the 46-year-old had been deeply affected by the death of his mother about a decade ago and he had started taking drugs.

He admitted to health workers he had taken heroin but sought professional help. Coroner Zafar Siddique said Mr Bhachue had been motivated to come off drugs but expressed feelings of guilt over using them.

He said Mr Bhachu had talked about starting a new business venture. But he added: "But in the background there was evidence of low moods."

Delivering a conclusion of suicide, Mr Siddique said: "I'm satisfied that he intended to take his own life."

"It is a sad tragedy to lose someone in these circumstances."

## Key to pub change

THE transformation of a pub which is creating up to 60 jobs in Willenhall has received the go-ahead by council planners. The Red Lion, Wolverhampton Road West, is being converted into a Hungry Horse and renamed The Keymaster in tribute to Willenhall's lock-making industry.



Inspectors spotted Joseph Ross while he performed with JLS's Aston Merrigold on television

BBC's Strictly Come Dancing. He is highly regarded in the industry, but the divorce left him high and dry financially."

Mr Henery added that Ross was suffering from a bad back, but his next project will be with X Factor judge Cheryl in March.

Ross admitted an offence of making a false statement to the Department of Work and Pensions and two offences of failing to notify Walsall Council of a change in his circumstances.

He told the magistrates: "I did sign off when I got the main bulk of work again."

Chairman of the bench Mr Ajmir Dhaliwal jailed him for a total of 26 weeks, suspended for 12 months, with supervision.

Ross must also complete the 20-day benefit fraud workbook course, pay £85 costs and £80 victims' surcharge.

The court was told that he was interviewed by benefits investigators after a tip-off that he was on YouTube playing with

JLS when he was claiming benefits.

Martin Ball, of the West Midlands Probation Service, told the magistrates: "He has worked as a musician for a number of years. He understands that he should have declared that he was working. He says he did discuss this with the JobCentre at that point before he was interviewed."

"The money he received was being paid to other musicians as part of the band."

In 2013 Ross, who has travelled the world playing concerts, was presented with a special Black Entertainment, Film, Fashion, Television and Arts Excellence Award for his role at the highest level in the music industry for 26 years.

BEFFTA is the awards for black entertainment, film, fashion, television and arts.

Ross offers his services leading a band for events including weddings and performed at the Olympic Games in London 2012.

## 'Costly' care home looks set to close

A CARE home has been earmarked for closure because falling numbers mean it is costing more to treat people.

Great Wyrley Community Support Unit is said to no longer offer 'good value for money'.

It offers respite care for those with conditions including dementia and learning difficulties.

Although it has 16 beds council bosses say it has an average of six vacancies a night.

If every bed was filled then the gross cost per bed each week would be £936. However, because of the vacancies the average cost is closer to £1,470 per bed.

Staffordshire County Council said its preferred option was to close the unit and offer short-stay residential care provided elsewhere.

It said it would also allow it to offer greater choice and more personalised care.

There are two other options, continuing to run it as normal or bringing in someone else to run it.

The estimated cost of sourcing short-stay care from independent providers is between £450 to £580 a bed each week.

A consultation is to be carried out subject to cabinet backing this week.

## Binman hurt in collision

A BINMAN suffered a broken ankle when he was struck by a car while at work in Walsall.

Walsall Council said the man was injured in Providence Lane, Leamore, two weeks ago.

The vehicle stopped at the scene.

Environment and transport chief, councillor Lee Jeavons, said: "He suffered a broken ankle and so our immediate concern is with his recovery."

"An investigation is under way."

The issue had not been referred to the police.

## Grotto opens

A SHOPPING centre will be opening a Santa's Grotto this weekend.

It will be open at the Victorian Arcade in Walsall town centre every Saturday in the run up to Christmas from 10am to 3pm. It costs £2.50 per child and includes a present.

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A READER says he has already been overwhelmed by Christmas spirit. He rushed out and bought his wife a new coal shovel, even though her battered and splintered old shovel would probably last until the January sales. Sir, she does not deserve you.

MORE green cobblers. A reader reports seeing this on the rear of a builders' van. "To reduce our carbon footprint this vehicle is limited to 70 mph." Which is, of course, the maximum national speed limit.

A READER, aware of my North Country roots, suggests the latest Volkswagen UP, an electric car which costs virtually nothing to run, should appeal to Yorkshire folk. He adds: "Its full name is E-UP. See? It even speaks Yorkshire."

NO-ONE denies that landing a European spacecraft on a comet far, far away is a brilliant technical achievement. However, the Rosetta project has gobbled up more than £1,000 million of our money and we have no choice in such matters. We EU taxpayers are committed by various Euro-treaties to spend colossal amounts of money on space research. Given a democratic choice, how many of us would have voted to send a spaceshot to a comet rather than spending the money on something more pressing? Today our EU bosses may be thrilled to have put a probe on Comet 67P. But if we had invested that £1,000 million in medical research we might have have found a cure for cancer.

THEY'RE still grumbling up in Scotland and the effigy of Alex Salmond at the Lewes bonfire did not improve Anglo-Scottish relations. A contributor to a Scottish newspaper's website tells the tale of a reporter in Dundee who came upon a terrible incident.



A pit-bull terrier was attacking a small boy in the street when a man leaped forward and throttled the beast with his bare hands. The reporter pulled out her mobile phone, contacted her office and said: "I've got a great story. Use the headline: Dundee Hero Saves Child by Killing Vicious Dog. The bloodstained hero interrupted her: "Actually, I'm not local," he explained. "I'm from Wolverhampton."

The reporter snarled into her mobile: "Change headline to Englishman Kills Family Pet."

I MAY be a little out of touch with cinema etiquette. Since when has sitting in an auditorium among strangers and stuffing your face with a big, greasy, smelly hot dog been acceptable behaviour?

ONE of Auntie Beeb's finest was trying to explain how a piffing £1.1billion fine, imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority on five banks (which will end up being paid by shareholders and customers) is any sort of punishment for dodgy business practices. He solemnly stressed the importance of "reputational damage" to the banks. Now, what reputation would that be?

I REFERRED recently to man landing on the moon in 1969. A conspiracy-minded reader says a) men never went to the moon and b) the proof is on YouTube. In fact a) yes, they did and b) no it isn't. But the more you try to change a conspiracy theorist's mind, the more they think they're on to something. As Elvis was telling me only the other day.

THE highlight of the Downton Abbey Christmas Special? Ladies Edith and Mary fight to the death for the love of Branson before the action shifts to Pentonville Prison for the double-hanging of Mr and Mrs Bates. You read it here first.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Gold chain ripped from victim's neck



The gold chain

A THIEF ripped a gold chain worth more than £1,000 from his victim's neck in a daylight robbery in Walsall.

Tom Maguire was walking with his girlfriend when his 26in belcher chain was snatched in Oxford Road, Pleck.

Mr Maguire, 26 said: "A man came towards us but walked past. As he walked

passed me, he reached back around and grabbed my chain from around my neck."

Mr Maguire's girlfriend called the police while he chased the thief for more than 300 yards.

He said: "I was in shock and he was running about a street ahead of me. I chased him as he ran down a side street and turned left onto the Wednes-

bury Road just before the lights at Morrisons, but that's when I lost him."

The thief is described as Asian in his late 20s, around 6ft and of a slim build. It is believed he was wearing a long light green coat.

The stolen chain weighs 70g and is valued at £1,200. It has dents in two of the links and the clasp or a link would be

broken from being pulled from around the neck. Mr Maguire, of Wycliffe Road, Pleck, is offering a cash reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the robber.

The robbery happened at approximately 3.40pm on October 28. Anyone with information should contact Walsall police on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## £32,000 fraud by benefits assessor

A BENEFITS assessor from Willenhall has admitted swindling £32,000 from the council where he worked.

Anthony McHale committed the sophisticated large scale fraud over two years at Wolverhampton City Council.

The 55-year-old pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court to fraud by abusing his position between September 2012 and September this year.

McHale, of Broad Lane North, was suspended from his position by council bosses when the offence was discovered.

Mr Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said McHale had carried out the fraud with 'some sophistication' and had committed a 'severe breach of trust.'

He admitted six charges of fraud by abuse of position, in that he dishonestly abused his position and intended to cause loss to the city council. The fraud amounted to £32,000.

Mr Bleazard added: "The fraud was carried out with some sophistication and shows a severe breach of trust. It has all the hallmarks of a serious case of fraud."

McHale will be sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court on December 12.

## Chocolate call for children

A CHARITY in Aldridge which was set up in honour of a teenager who was stabbed to death in a random attack in Birmingham is collecting chocolate selection boxes to give to children in hospitals over Christmas.

Rosie's Helping Hands wants people to bring donations to the Friary Club, Whetstone Lane, Aldridge, on weekdays from 8pm or at weekends from noon until 11pm or call Karen Ross on 01922 456398. The charity is holding a Christmas fair on Sunday at Aldridge Compass Suites, The Green, from 11am to 4pm.

## Fight arrest

A TEENAGER who was arrested following an alleged fight in Walsall town centre has been bailed. Police were called to a fight involving up to 20 young people. The 15-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of a public order offence in Wisemore last Wednesday.

# Victory in battle keep town's post office

WALSALL Council's leader, who was a key campaigner against plans to close Willenhall's main post office and move it into a shop, has welcomed the news it has been saved, claiming 'we have won the battle'.

Post Office bosses announced last week they had dropped the proposals for the John Street branch, which has faced an uncertain future for almost two years.

By Lisa O'Brien

It will instead be modernised, with work taking place next year.

Councillor Sean Coughlan was part of a widespread campaign to save the facility, used by thousands of people each week, from moving.

He said: "I'm really pleased for all the residents who joined us in the campaign to keep it open."

"When people in Willenhall stick together, they can make some difference."

### Great

"Losing services in a town like Willenhall is not great."

"It is really pleasing to see they will modernise the branch."

"We actually thought we had a great building but it was tired. It does need some investment in it."

"We are pleased we have won the battle."

Plans to franchise 70 crown post offices were unveiled last year in a bid to help the service cope with

£40 million-a-year losses. But bosses announced they have been unable to find a suitable partner for the Willenhall branch and have stopped their search.

They said the branch will remain under Post Office management and will be modernised.

Protests flared after the Post Office announced its initial plans for the John Street branch.

Strike action was taken last year, a petition against the plans collected more than 1,000 signatures in less than a week and dozens of residents gathered at a public meeting to raise concerns over the potential downgrading of the service.

Walsall North MP David Winnick also campaigned against the plans and took the fight to the House of Commons earlier this year.

He has since welcomed that initial proposals have been dropped and congratulated those involved in the campaign.

## Dealership eyes car park

A COUNCIL car park could be closed to enable the expansion of a neighbouring Walsall town centre business.

The 56-space pay and display in Dudley Street has been earmarked for use through the Mercedes Benz dealership which is looking to expand and create jobs. It has been in talks with Walsall Council and has now lodged a formal planning application to use the site to display cars and for customers to park. The council has been reviewing the location of car parks across the town centre. The application from agents Tyler-Parkes Partnership, said: "The proposed car park extension will facilitate further job creation."

## Collision leaves three trapped



The scene of the two-vehicle crash in Walsall in which three people had to be cut free

SIX people were injured when two cars crashed in Walsall, leaving three people trapped.

The accident happened on the junction of Hollyhedge Lane and Wolverhampton Road in the early hours of Monday.

Paramedics were called shortly before 12.40am to Birchills.

Police were also called and officers arrested a man on suspicion of drink driving, but he was released without charge.

Walsall Fire Station sent two crews and

firefighters had to cut free three men. Neil Spencer, spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service, said: "All three casualties were trapped in the people carrier and were cut free by firefighters who then made the vehicles and surrounding area safe."

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman John Hawker said the three who had been trapped were taken to Walsall Manor Hospital. Walsall firefighters tweeted the picture of the scene warning drivers to slow down.

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## Charity in call for retired pilot help

RETIRED pilots are being sought by the County Air Ambulance to help spread raise awareness of the need for helipads which they hope to get built at every trauma centre in the country.

The Walsall-based charity established the HELP appeal to raise funds for hospital helipad facilities across the country.

The trust is now calling on retired pilots based in the Midlands who can engage and entertain audiences by talking about the charities mission and help save lives.

British Army Captain Mark Wilkins is soon set to retire and the trust is looking for volunteers to take over his role.

Captain Wilkins has given talks to businesses, societies, clubs and regional groups about the work of County Air Ambulance Trust (CAAT) and, as an experienced helicopter and aeroplane pilot, his own flying experiences.

CAAT chief executive Robert Bertram said: We receive many requests from groups and organisations who want to find out more about the life-saving charitable work we undertake.

For more information on the role, call Sally Booth, fundraising manager on 01922 618058.

## Warning over loan sharks

A HOUSING association is working in partnership with the England Illegal Money Lending Team to warn residents about using loan sharks to pay for Christmas.

Around 22,000 Walsall Housing Group tenants will receive an anti-loan shark message with their rent statements this month, as well as posters and information going up in tower blocks and offices.

A number of training sessions have also taken place in conjunction with Walsall Council to alert staff to the threat and enable them to spot early warning signs.

## Village ramble

A RAMBLE in Shropshire is the next outing for the Walsall Group of the Ramblers. It will be heading to Hilton village, near Claverley, for an 8.5 mile circular walk on Sunday. Non members are welcome and should contact the walk leader on 01922 692929.

# New town centre store is taking shape



Councillor Mohammad Nazirat the store

CONSTRUCTION of a Primark store in Walsall town centre has reached the half-way stage.

Blockwork for the 44,000sqft, two-storey building has been completed up to the first floor level and the council's contractor Morgan Sindall has begun applying the cladding to the external walls.

Walsall Council pumped in millions of pounds from its own cash reserves to kick-start the long-awaited project.

The £7.8m project, which began in March and will be completed next spring, will also house a Midcounties Co-operative food

store in the first phase redevelopment of the Old Square Shopping Centre.

Walsall's regeneration chief, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, said: "It's very pleasing to see the project moving ahead smoothly."

"This is the third major regeneration project currently on site in Walsall town centre."

"Walsall College's business and sports hub and the new headquarters for Jhoots Pharmacy in the Gigaport development both look fantastic."

He added: "The redevelopment of the Old Square Shopping Centre shows that these

two retailers, Primark and the Midcounties Co-operative, are excited about investing in the town centre.

"The service yard to the rear of both buildings is also coming along well and the construction of the rear wall of the Co-op is underway."

"Having Primark in Walsall will be a huge boost to footfall in the town centre, which will hopefully lead to further investment in the town's retail offer."

Around 150 jobs are expected to be created when both stores start trading next summer.

# Proposal for care home is submitted to council

A SPECIALIST care home has been earmarked for vacant land in Walsall creating up to 60 jobs. Plans to transform a former block works site in Chester Road, Aldridge, have been submitted to Walsall Council.

The 58-bed facility would be run by Willinbrook Health Care and provide 24 hour support for residents with dementia and enduring mental illness and specialist beds for palliative care.

## Restored arboretum to be lit up

KEY features and main routes at Walsall Arboretum are to be permanently lit up from next year, leisure chiefs have said.

The £270,000 illuminated park scheme will be the finishing touch to the multi-million pound restoration of the town centre site.

Work on the visitor centre which is the last main building works as part of the £7.6 million revamp of the premier park is due for completion in early 2015.

Leisure boss Councillor Khizar Hussain said after the main restoration is completed the illuminated park feature will create a fitting finishing touch.

"Main routes through the park's historic core will be lit up which will give us greater scope for evening events and its key natural features will also be illuminated, along with its buildings and main entrances."

"We think this will add to visitors' enjoyment of what is already a tremendously popular borough asset and it will bring a 'magical' quality to this much-loved beauty spot."

The application is for a two-storey home.

The site is in the Green Belt but the applicants said it was previously developed land and would meet the needs of the area.

The proposal submitted through Paul Burton, of agents A P Architecture Ltd, said: "The proposed development, which is principally of a two-storey construction, could potentially be more noticeable than the previous use of the site."

"The replacement of the former block manufacturing place and its attendant handstanding with a specialist care home development of a bespoke and high quality design would deliver a significant improvement to the Green Belt in visual and environment."

"The proposed care home will provide the specialist care lacking in the area, to meet the increasing needs, and provide significant employment within the local area."

The care home will be registered with the Care Quality Commission. Willinbrook currently runs a 45-bed home in Perry Barr.

The application added: "A care scheme offers considerable opportunities for local employment and this represents a significant planning gain for the scheme. It would generate jobs for approximately 60 staff."

## Santa's help needed for hospice run



Little helpers Liam Flynn and Lynda Hadley, from Acorns events team, are calling on Santas to help them raise funds

FUNDRAISERS are being urged to dress up as Santa and raise money for a children's hospice at the same time.

People are being encouraged to sign up for the annual Santa Run event for Acorns at Walsall Arboretum next month.

Hundreds usually take part in the event which helps raise cash for the charity to continue in its work providing care for life-limited children.

All those entering on December 7 will be given their own Santa costume

and can take part in a 5km run or 2km stroll.

Shujee Khatun, major events officer at Acorns, said: "Last year's event was a really fun-filled festive day and this year we hope it'll be even bigger and better. We want to encourage lots more Santas to come along and raise funds. All money raised by participants through sponsorship will go directly towards our children and their families."

Acorns which has a facility in Wal-

sall offers a network of care for children and support to their families across the West Midlands.

In the past year the charity has provided care and support to more than 700 children and more than 1,050 families, including those who are bereaved.

Entry is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s and for more information visit the [www.acorns.org.uk/santa](http://www.acorns.org.uk/santa) website, call 01564 82 5000 or email [events@acorns.org.uk](mailto:events@acorns.org.uk)

## Academy gets university help

STUDENTS at an academy in Walsall are benefiting from the expertise of a new university access champion - believed to be the first working in state education.

Sheffield Community Academy has welcomed Simon Pedley, who was recruited to help young people in the Ormiston Academies Trust gain entry to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

The Oxford University politics and philosophy graduate is using his experience to help teachers and students navigate the university admissions system.

## Two routes to get new buses

NEW modern buses featuring leather seats and charging points for mobile phones will run along the number one and two routes between Walsall and Cannock.

Top-of-the-range free Wi-Fi equipped Sapphire buses will be rolled out on services around the West Midlands as part of Partnership Plus, a deal signed by the area's public transport co-ordinator body and operator Arriva Midlands.

They will also take electronic smartcards.

## Market evacuated after explosion

TRADERS had to be evacuated from Walsall Market after a small explosion underground was caused by an electrical cable fault. Smoke was spotted billowing out from under the pavement in Lower Hall Lane, Digbeth.

Firefighters from Walsall discovered it was caused by an electrical power cable failure underground. A cordon was put up as a precaution on Friday.

## Road to close for resurfacing

A ROAD closure will be in place during carriageway resurfacing work later this month. It is being carried out in Birchills Street, between the junctions of Hollyhedge Lane and Blue Lane West, Walsall.

The work will be completed between 7pm and 6am to minimise disruption from November 28 to December 5.

## Road signs cut

FUNDING to maintain road signs in Walsall could be slashed by half to save £80,000 under council cuts. The cash for repairing and refreshing worn out signs is due to be cut from next year.

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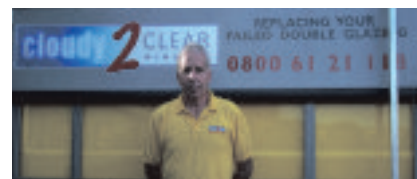
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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

TWENTY-FIVE years ago this month, the final phase of the Merry Hill centre opened, an occasion which has surely transformed the shopping habits of the West Midlands in a way that could never have been envisaged at the outset.

Almost instantly, Marks & Spencer closed its branches in both Dudley and West Bromwich, lured by the free rates and easy parking of the new out-of-town centre.

Initial reports suggested a 70 per cent fall in the number of people shopping in Dudley town centre, and slowly, but surely, it has also affected town and city centres further afield.

A quarter of a century on, its legacy is still a matter for debate.

Some people love the warm, all-weather malls, others hate the devastating impact it has had on town centres which have been there for hundreds of years.

The majority, though, I suspect, do not feel that strongly one way or the other.

They simply take the view that if that is where Marks & Spencer, British Home Stores or Sainsbury's is, that's where they will go.

According to Dudley Council leader, Councillor David Sparks, "Merry Hill enabled Dudley to look Birmingham in the eye," and on that point I really have to disagree.

Dudley cannot, and never has been able to look Birmingham in the eye, certainly not within living memory, and realistically, it is not going to any time soon.

However, Merry Hill is probably the reason why Dudley can no longer look Wolverhampton or Walsall in the eye, either.

And for that I will always be very sad.

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WEST Midland clergyman the Rev Alan Fraser, who drives a petrol-electric hybrid vehicle which is exempt from road tax, observes that he still has to go on to the DVLA website to not pay the road tax he does not owe.

He adds: "There is a range of (non) payment options, although I apparently will be charged £2.50 if I decide to not pay by credit card.

"So, if I have understood this, I am to not pay for a tax disc that I now won't get sent."

And if he does not comply, presumably he will be sent a final demand to not pay his road tax.

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AYLI visits Aynuk in hospital, and is concerned with his friend's state of despondency about his condition.

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Aynuk replies: "Yo' ay' rung, aer kid, I day cum in 'ere to die. I cum in six wik agoo."



Saleem Shakil, trading since 2000, from Walsall



Suky Hargun with customer Girish Patel, from



Arshad Mahmood, Samia Wasim and Abida Arshad

# Business booming out of town centre

One area is bucking the trend when it comes to independent businesses doing well – Caldmore

**EMPTY shops are a common sight in town and city centres up and down the country.**

And with latest figures showing that Walsall is one of the worst areas in the UK for empty units and a similar story elsewhere in the region, the future still looks bleak for retailers.

But step off the high street and into Caldmore village and business is booming – just ask the traders. There is not a single empty shop unit, with all 130 stores filled with independent traders.

The area boasts thriving restaurants, supermarkets and cafes, as well as clothes, furniture and sweet shops, along with travel agents, beauticians and hairdressers. Butchers Andrew Morrison has been open since 2000. Mr Morrison, aged 50, took the business on from his father-in-law David Ward in that year.

## Generations

Mr Morrison works in the shop with his wife Sarah and colleague Robert Williams.

He said: "The butchers has been in the village for the past 55 years. We are one of the oldest serving shops in the area. We have a lot of loyal customers. Also we've got a lot of families. There are third generations that come in now from when I started working here 30 years ago.

"Trade is good. Everyone knows the economy is still struggling and people have less to spend on their shopping."

Mr Morrison said the secret to the shop's success was sticking to tradition by running a Christmas Club that shoppers pay into throughout the year.

But he also said moving forward with the times and adapting to changing markets was another reason his business was doing so well. The father-of-two



Butchers Andrew Morrison and Robert Williams

from Willenhall added: "We have quite a lot of Polish people in the area. For them we buy in Polish pork. You have to change with the times."

"Caldmore has a bad name which is a shame really. Everyone is really friendly. I think lots of people come into Caldmore because of the reasonable prices."

Around 80 per cent of the traders in Caldmore are also residents of the village or live within three miles. The village has its own trading association that helps to promote businesses. It has been running since 2006.

Another shop in the village is Hargun's Sweet Centre and it is a hit up and down the country. One customer travels up from Gloucestershire every week to buy his Asian sweets.

Owner Suky Hargun, a father-of-two from Walsall, has had the shop since 2001.

The 43-year-old said: "It was a family-owned shop and I bought it from my father in that year. We sell Indian sweets and savoury snacks."

"I think it's the variety of shops we have here in Caldmore that makes the area so popular. Some of the shops are

a little bit specialised. You wouldn't get them in many other places."

"The prices are reasonable as well which really helps. A lot of our customers are from the Walsall area but we get a lot of people coming over from Birmingham and one customer comes in every week from Gloucestershire."

Unique Jamaican Foods opened in Caldmore in 2000.

Owner Saleem Shakil, 46, from Walsall, said he chose to open in the village rather than Walsall town centre as the overhead costs were cheaper.

## Travelling

He said: "I opened a Jamaican food store as I saw a real niche in the market. I have customers travelling from all parts of the region – Tamworth, Cannock, Dudley and Birmingham."

"If they are happy to travel all that way then I don't need to be in the town centre."

"Caldmore is on the main bus route in and out of Walsall and I think that is a good thing as well. It brings a lot of people in."

Figures released in September by the

Local Data Company revealed that 26.5 per cent of retail premises in Walsall currently stand empty.

The data also showed Wolverhampton's empty shop figure was 22.4 per cent, Dudley 23.6 per cent. Across the West Midlands, three shops closed every two days over the first six months of the year. In all, 265 stores closed across the region but only 198 opened – a net loss of 67 shops.

But Caldmore Traders' Association chairman, Ali Mahmood, said the picture was much rosier in Caldmore.

He said: "All the shops in the area are occupied so we're bucking both the local and national trend."

"Caldmore is a thriving and vibrant district with businesses covering practically any and every sector."

"It's a source of great pride for all of us that someone would travel from Gloucester to shop here."

Mr Shakil added: "When I first opened I did think about opening an Asian food shop but there were loads in the area."

The latest shop to open in Caldmore was a travel agents. Bukhari Travel Services opened its doors last month, creating three new jobs.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

WE need to talk about Europe. I say that knowing full well that for people who follow politics at the moment it seems as though we talk about little else.

But the farcical scenes in the Commons over the European Arrest Warrant show how toxic it is proving to be to the Tories.

Not that we need much more proof of that, of course. The by-election won by a Tory MP-turned-UKIPper and coupled with the likelihood of a repeat in Rochester should have made it abundantly clear by now.

MPs turned up to vote thinking they were going to get a say on the European Arrest Warrant itself. Instead the motion put before them was for just 11 of 35 measures that the coalition government wanted to opt into and the warrant was not one.

The Conservatives would not have wanted to face another rebellion by Eurosceptic backbenchers. But after all these years it should have been abundantly clear to the whips that anything with the word 'Europe' in it is not going to go down well with the likes of Stone's Sir Bill Cash or Aldridge-Brownhills MP Sir Richard Shepherd.

The latter, retiring at the election, made his feelings abundantly clear: "At the heart of this is a misconception about what this House represents... my over long time in this House of Commons has led me to understand the growth of executive arrogance is unsupportable."

Even reading the words one can hear the weariness in his voice. Sir Richard has been an MP since 1979. He's been rebelling on Europe since Maastricht.

Labour's shadow Europe minister is Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden. He said the Tories have a 'psychosis' about the union and pointed out that there was actually more than enough support from the majority of the Tories, Liberal Democrats and Labour to vote the warrant through.

Now Labour has decided to debate and vote on it as part of an Opposition Day on the eve of the Rochester by-election. The thing is a mess. And this is before we have even got to the argument about the warrant itself.

As far as Mr McFadden and Labour are concerned, as well as the Tories in favour of it, is a means by which this country has managed to deport 1,000 foreign criminals in a single year and has resulted in the successful return of people wanted by our own authorities.

The arguments against include concerns over the ability of other EU member states to demand the extradition of British citizens without sufficient evidence.

There are various legal experts, civil liberties groups and others now turning it into a political football. Maybe we should have been worried about it, maybe not. But if they won't even debate it, the Government can't blame people for drawing their own conclusions.

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## Scaremongery over council cuts

I'M angry with the language that Labour's Council leaders are using in Walsall. It is language designed to inflame, to divide people politically and it's causing real fear for employees and users of council services.

Reading the proposed numbers, the 'horrific cuts' that Labour leader Sean Coughlin's refers to total £86m over four years. As the current council budget is £634m that works out at annual average cuts of 3.4 per cent. Likewise job cuts over the next two years will average around 4.1 per cent.

Managing other people's money (i.e.

taxes) efficiently and responsibly is important but so is telling the truth. If Labour is to manage the council well then they should avoid scaremongering and not exaggerate.

Cuts of three per cent may need to be made but this is not 'horrific' and does not require the wholesale closure of loved and valued services. The Conservative-led council was able to manage from the global financial crisis until now without significant increases in council tax or major cuts.

**Douglas Hansen-Luke**  
PPC, Walsall North

## Parking fees kick in teeth

I AND many others are fed up with the way Walsall Council is handling the future state of Willenhall town centre.

Planning new car parking charges, to start in April 2015, is yet another kick in the teeth.

I would have thought it would have been in the town's best interest to try and encourage more people to visit by leaving these car parks free for people to use.

The people that work within the town will have yet another weekly charge coming out of an already stretched pay packet.

What else does Walsall want to take away from Willenhall? Our baths, post office, summer fun days, Easter egg hunts and firework display – soon the only thing left will be the ghosts in the ghost town they are trying to create.

**H KEMPSON**  
Willenhall

## Centre has to open for everyone

WITH reference and in support of Councillor Richard Worrall's letter, regarding Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre.

I should like to thank Richard and his committee for their work in keeping it going.

However, I should like to point out that the centre should not just be for schoolchildren but outdoor education for all.

In the 70s, myself and other youth leaders visited Bryntysilio on many occasions, free of charge to be trained in outdoor pursuits, finally qualifying for 'Mountain Leadership Certificate' after examination and presented by the British Mountaineering Council. Many hundreds of people young and old benefited from this.

In this day and age of 'health and safety' regulations there are opportunities for Walsall to lead the way.

To take the training and qualification elsewhere costs thousands of pounds. There has got to be ways for Walsall to take advantage.

**B LEE, Aldridge**

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## Venue closure may not be inevitable

RE: The imminent closure of Walsall Museum. Instead of accepting the inevitable demise of Walsall Museum which is based in Central Library, I propose an alternative possibility.

The Midlands Arts Centre (MAC), Walsall's Grange Theatre and the Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, are all small theatre venues that originated because of the commitment of local people.

To kickstart this idea initially, would take a group of dedicated local people getting together and sharing their experiences, knowledge and love of live theatre.

The focus then should be to put together a feasible argument involving the financial and physical practicalities of refurbishing the existing museum space and

turning it into a small theatre venue. In addition, consideration should be given as to what type of theatre events could be arranged, what size audience, how many people to run it and market it and so on.

Once this group of people have put together a well thought out, solid proposal they should contact the appropriate local councillors, representatives from West Midlands Arts, Walsall Chamber of Commerce and any other empathetic influential bodies to a formal meeting to discuss further.

It would obviously need funding to begin with but if ever the concept got off the ground, it could prove to be self-financing in years to come.

**G MAHONEY, Walsall**

## Dictated to by Merkel

I CAN'T believe we are being dictated to by a German chancellor, Angela Merkel, regarding the free movement of labour across Europe. She seems unprepared to change her stance and is quite prepared to say goodbye to Great Britain. Well I say so be it! All that money we pay into the system at present could be used for our own purposes. I only hope our politicians have the guts to stand up for us! I won't hold my breath, there don't seem to be many small, round, bouncy things in parliament these days.

**I HAYNES, Willenhall**

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# Benefits claimer did not declare his pension

**A FORMER psychiatric nurse from Walsall claimed more than £30,000 after failing to declare his NHS pension, a court heard.**

Junio Browne, aged 63, pocketed the money over a 10 year period, Walsall Magistrates Court was told. He admitted six counts of making a false statements to obtain benefit and was given a 32-week jail term suspended for a year.

By Craig Hughes

The overpayment included more than £21,500 in housing benefit and just under £6,000 in council tax.

Browne, of Pleck Road, also received income support, incapacity and employment support. He was paid £187.88 a week in housing, council tax and statement benefits.

Mrs Kerry Munro, prosecuting, said a national fraud initiative revealed he had been in receipt of a pension.

But this had not been declared on his claims for benefit to either Walsall Council or the Department for Work and Pensions.

Investigations showed the £450 a month pension had started in August 1991 and was paid continuously.

He was interviewed last November. Mrs Munro said: "He was asked about the NHS Pension and he denied

he had a pension, he was then shown the evidence from the NHS and finally he admitted to the pension."

The fraud was worth £31,200 from 2003 to 2013. The court was told the money was being repaid.

Mr Roger Owen, defending, said Browne, who has a walking aid, was being assessed for pre-dementia. He added the former health worker had also struggled to put the context of what happened into his own words.

"He had made claims for benefit because of personal circumstances," he said.

"Over that period of time his ability mentally has deteriorated. Monies are being repaid, albeit slowly."

Browne was also ordered to pay £80 victim surcharge and £455 costs.

# Chloe beats bullies and picks up gold



**Golden double – 16-year-old karate champion  
Chloe Machin shows off her medals**

WHEN Chloe Machin took up karate as a way of overcoming bullying, she never imagined that she'd end up as a double gold medal winner.

Four years after she started, the 16-year-old represented England at the European Wado Kai Championships in Reading and came back a winner in both the singles and the team games. She said: "It's amazing to represent England. In a way, it doesn't feel real."

Chloe, who lives in Beechdale, Walsall, trains at least twice a week at Mushindo Wado-Kai, Bilston. She also studies personal training at Walsall College. Her proud mother, Jackie, said: "She loves karate – she lives and breathes it."

Not resting on her laurels, Chloe is already training for the world championships in Japan next year, and hopes to go on to train the next generation of gold medal winners.

"I want to make this my life," she added. Her trainer, Vince Parker said: "She's a very young spirited competitor that wants to do well. That's really important in a sport like karate. Considering her age, she's got her head screwed on, and that's going to do her well in the future."



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# Mystery call led to firm's part in poppy display



The sea of poppies outside the Tower of London which Darlaston firm Barnfather Wire helped to produce

IT started with a call out the blue to see if a Darlaston firm could provide a large quantity of wire.

But it ended with the company helping create the breath-taking display of almost 900,000 poppies for the Tower of London tribute to fallen soldiers.

Barnfather Wire (Midlands) Ltd has revealed it created the wire stems for the flowers, which have been seen by around five million people from across the world.

Bosses were initially approached by a third party over whether they could supply steel wire which was cut to length this spring but were given no details about the job.

After agreeing they could fulfil the £75,000 contract it emerged the company in Willenhall Road was going to be creating the stems for 888,246 ceramic poppies, which were to be attached separately.

Staff have spoken of their pride at being part of the spectacular display, which marks the 100th anni-



Accounts manager Barbara Fellows and production foreman Stan

versary of the First World War. It took 100 tonnes of wire and two weeks to get the stems ready, as they were prepared at three different lengths of 450 millimetres, 750mm and 1,000mm.

The material, which is 5mm in diameter, was put through two special machines called 'wafios' to make them the required length, operated by two workers.

Staff from Barnfather, which was established in 1990, went down to the capital to assess the delivery of the

stems and how it would look. They were then taken in two bundles on wooden pallet by lorry.

Owner of the wire manufacturers, Richard Barnfather, said they were surprised after being informed what they were working towards but proud to have played a part.

"Going back early in the year we had an inquiry to do a quantity of wire cut to length," he said. "At that particular time we were not aware what the specification was. It transpired later."

It became clear before the cutting was undertaken what they were doing it for, but the size of the task when first contacted had made staff think about what the potential order was.

"It raises eyebrows a bit, it is not something you normally expect on a daily basis," He added: "The vast majority of our work goes into the automotive industry. We do a lot of wire cut to length. We did process the order within two weeks."

The 50 year-old, who employs more than 30 people, has been to see the impact of the fruits of their labour. "It was quite an emotional thing," he said.

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## Curiosities, inventions and origins

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OUR October meeting was one with a difference when Dr Colin Harris gave an ebullient, interesting and funny talk on Great British Curiosities.

It was a very eclectic mix of curious inventions, the origins of such traditional sayings, such as nursery rhymes and follies in villages and towns.

He talked about the traditional activities that have come down through the centuries, and was sad about the way some have been banned in schools such as bee keeping, boxing and conkers, plus the traditional sports day.

Another avenue of interest was the origin of Nursery Rhymes. Mary, Mary Quite Contrary was about Mary Queen of Scots, forever swinging between Catholic and Church of England. The Silver Bells were torture instruments, metal constraints on the thumb, the unfortunate person being pulled up by them and screamed until they 'confessed'.

Dr. Harris's interests are unbounded and he finds it impossible to curb his enthusiasm for the unusual.

Our next Speaker is a change from the programme, when Mr. Richard Baldwin (until recently a Senior Lecturer at Pershore College) will give a talk on The Magic of PH and members have been asked to bring a sample of their garden soil.

We meet in Wyld Green Community Hall every third of Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

## Condolences sent to family of loyal Floss

### Songs, comedy and signing inn

Walsall Central TG

ON Friday October 25 12 members attended the luncheon of the South Staffs Guild Federation held at Caulderfields Golf Club.

Guests included the guild president – Margaret Keay and two members of North Staffs Federation.

The event was chaired by Mrs Pat White, chairman of South Staffs Federation, who is also a member of Walsall Central TG.

Following the excellent meal, entertainment was provided by a female vocalist/comedienne whose theme was seaside fun and fashions over the decades.

Chairman, Mrs Pat Jones, opened the WCTG meeting held on Tuesday November 4 and welcomed everyone. Following the formalities, David Cole, the evening's speaker was

introduced and his subject was coaching era on inn signs.

Included in David's presentation were slides of numerous inn signs, each one telling its own historic story of the various forms of travel in Great Britain from 16th century.

The next meeting of WCTG takes place on Tuesday 2nd December in the Mellish Room, Central Hall, Ablewell Street, Walsall, commencing 7pm when Christmas will be celebrated with festive food together with songs and carols from the guild choir.

New members are always welcome and contact can be made through Mrs Janice Fussell, secretary (01922 631246)

Brownhills TG

THE November Meeting was opened by the chairman Julia Willetts and the minutes read by Secretary, Pauline Morgan. Julia announced the death of long-serving member Floss Dickinson and our condolences have been sent to her family.

Elizabeth Hassall is gathering plenty of goodies for our stall at the Federation Craft Fair.

This is at Aldridge Community Centre on November 29 and we look forward to having lots of visitors on the day.

Karen Da Casto has plenty of outings arranged including a visit to Lichfield's Garrick Theatre.

A tour of Tutbury Castle has been re-arranged for April next year. The Annual trip to the Pantomime is fully booked.

Brownhills Guild meet on the second Monday of each month at the Memorial Hall, Lichfield Road Brownhills, Walsall at 7.30 pm. In the upstairs (we have a lift) Lichfield Suite. New members and visitors are always welcome. Call Mary on 01543 360 890.

## Sign of a good talk on pubs

Black Country Society K-ford Branch

THE October meeting was held in St Mary's Church Hall, Kingswinford, when the speaker was Anthony Collis with his talk about Pub signs of the Black Country.

His talk with feedback was much enjoyed by members and friends.

The Christmas meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, not the third. The date therefore is December 10 when entertainment will take place. Wine and mince

pies will be served at the end.

Talks are open to members, friends and non-members with a small charge to cover expenses of £1 and £1.50 respectively.

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# Wizzard saxophonist Mike dies aged 75

SAXOPHONIST Mike Burney, who played with 70s rockers Wizzard on their classic hit I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday has died.

The 75-year-old from Walsall had been battling cancer. Last year he married his sweetheart Sue Jeffs at Walsall Registry Office. He passed away on Thursday night.

Jim Simpson, of Birmingham record company Big Bear Music, hailed Mr Burney as 'probably the finest jazz musician this region has produced'. He added: "More than that he was self effacing regarding his talent, generous with his time, advice

and support and with a monumental never-dimmed enthusiasm and love for music and for life. He never knowingly passed-up an opportunity to play music, whether paid or otherwise. He put no store on financial gain which he disdained, music and friendship and family were his priorities."

Mr Burney, of The Butts, had performed with a range of music legends – including Sammy Davis Jr, Petula Clark, Steve Winwood, Dionne Warwick, Billy Eckstine, Mel Torme, Cliff Richard and even Bob Hope. But he is best known for his membership of 70s glam pop group Wizzard.



Mike Burney, who has died

## Margaret's marvellous poppies



Margaret Copland, from Watling Street, Brownhills, who knitted 1,500 crochet poppies, with some of her handiwork

WITH her milestone 70th birthday on Armistice Day, grandmother Margaret Copland decided to do something special to mark the occasion. So she used her interest in crafts to make 1,500 crochet poppies to raise money for Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion.

The former bespoke tailor from Watling Street, Brownhills, had planned on making 1,000 but due to the demand she went on to create 500 more. It took around 25 minutes to make each one.

Mrs Copland started in January and completed the first batch in the summer, then spent several months afterwards completing the others. They proved so popular some ended up in her native Scotland and others as far afield as Australia as friends of friends spread the word. Others got on board such as the Waterside pub, Brownhills, and all helped her to raise more than £3,000 for the two causes.

# Good schools to help out

**SUCCESSFUL schools will be asked to help improve the standards of others that are struggling across Walsall after a string of them went into special measures.**

Eleven have been rated inadequate and placed in special measures in since November last year.

And Walsall Council was rated as ineffective at supporting schools in an inspection in June.

Education bosses insist there have already been improvements at some of

the schools since then but they have launched an action plan to drive up standards. An education challenge board met for the first time this month after being formed by the council.

It includes councillors, headteachers, governors and officers from children's services. And members say they are determined to see improvements.

They particularly want to make sure than details of schools' progress is up to date and regularly kept track of.

And they say the best way for schools to improve will be for the struggling ones to learn from those

that consistently get top grades. Frances Done, chair of the board, said: "A plan is also being developed with school leaders to provide school to school support. The leaders of successful schools will be able to share their skills, encourage innovation and changes of approach so that all schools have the tools to succeed."

Councillor Barbara Cassidy, portfolio holder for children's services, said: "We recognise as a council along with our partners that we need to know our schools better and support them better."

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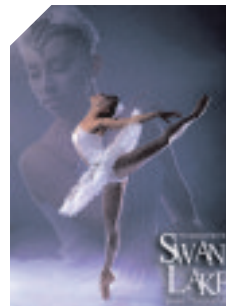


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## Plea by great-gran after pictures stolen



Pensioner Mary Rabone who had her purse stolen in Walsall town centre and lost precious family photos

A GREAT-grandmother has launched a desperate plea for the return of precious photographs after her purse was stolen while out shopping. Mary Rabone had gone to the Saddlers Shopping Centre in Walsall when the purse holding cash, bus pass, pension cards and personal belonging were swiped from her trolley.

The 79-year-old had £200 taken but even more distressing there were four precious photographs including of her on her wedding day and her late husband. Mrs Rabone had been shopping in Poundland and it was when she went to the counter she realised it has been taken. Police were called and checks on CCTV appeared to show it had been stolen from her trolley.

The photographs are one of her in her wedding dress with her father Sonny in 1950 and a picture of her late husband Derek who passed away eight years ago. There is also a passport type image of her daughter Sara and a picture of her grand daughter Emma when she was skating.

The pensioner from Rushall said is hopeful someone may have picked up the photographs if the purse has been flung away following the theft. "These things are the most important," she said. "I would love my photos back."

# Homes bid for school site reaches final stage

**FINAL plans for a controversial housing development on a former school site in Walsall have been lodged with the council.**

Outline consent for properties on the old Three Crowns Special School site was granted last year despite concerns over the loss of community land.

Now the final detailed designs towards the project which will see eight homes built in Skip Lane have been put forward for consideration by Walsall Council.

by Craig Hughes

Initial proposals went before the planning committee in October last year and were given the go-ahead by councillors despite concerns over it being green belt land.

The school closed in 2006 and objections were lodged by the Park Hall Residents Association, councillor Rose Martin, Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz, with more than a dozen letters from residents claiming the land should be retained for community use. But the committee voted for the application as the hearing was told it was brownfield land and the site has been a regular target for vandalism.

In the latest application seeking approval for the layout and appearance of the

## Night-out woman groped by cabbie

A TAXI driver groped a 20-year-old woman he was driving her home following a night out in Walsall a court heard.

Karnail Virk picked up his victim in the early hours and asked her to sit in the front of his cab, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

But during the journey to the woman's home in Brierley Hill, the 41-year-old repeatedly tried to make physical contact.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said: "Virk initially tried to hold her hand and then stroked her right thigh on five occasions." After she paid her fare he pulled her towards him and hugged her. He tried to kiss her again and then groped her through her coat.

The court heard Virk's private hire licence was withdrawn as soon as his employers found out he had been charged.

Ms Lynette McClement, defending, said: "He has stepped way over the boundaries of what is acceptable."

Virk, of Bescot Crescent, Walsall, admitted sexual assault and was given a three-year community order with supervision, ordered to complete a sex offenders' rehabilitation programme and put on the sex offenders' register for five years.

## Flay-buy tenant told to return it

A JUDGE has ordered that a council flat be handed back because it was being illegally rented out.

Jagdish Singh, of To-bruck Walk, Willenhall attempted to buy the Wolverhampton Council flat but has now been ordered to give it back to the city council.

He also has to pay £3,000 in costs.

An investigation by fraud experts at Wolverhampton Homes found that Singh, aged 45, tried to buy the flat despite illegally subletting it.

Mr Singh had been a Wolverhampton Homes tenant at a property in Rooker Avenue, Parkfields, and in 2013 made an application to buy the house under the Right To Buy legislation.

But his mortgage application stated he'd lived in an address in Willenhall for the past seven years.

In interviews Mr Singh denied any wrongdoing, but further investigations found that he'd been illegally sub-letting the property.

Walsall County Court found him in breach of the Housing Act 1985 and ordered him to hand back the flat and pay cost.

## Police seek train flasher

A MAN exposed himself to a female passenger on a train between Walsall and Birmingham.

He and another man then subjected the woman to lewd remarks at around 11pm on October 14. British Transport Police are investigating the incident which happened after the two men boarded at Aston.

Witnesses asked to call 0800 40 50 40, or text 61016, quoting reference MSUB/B6 of 14/11/14. Information can also be passed to the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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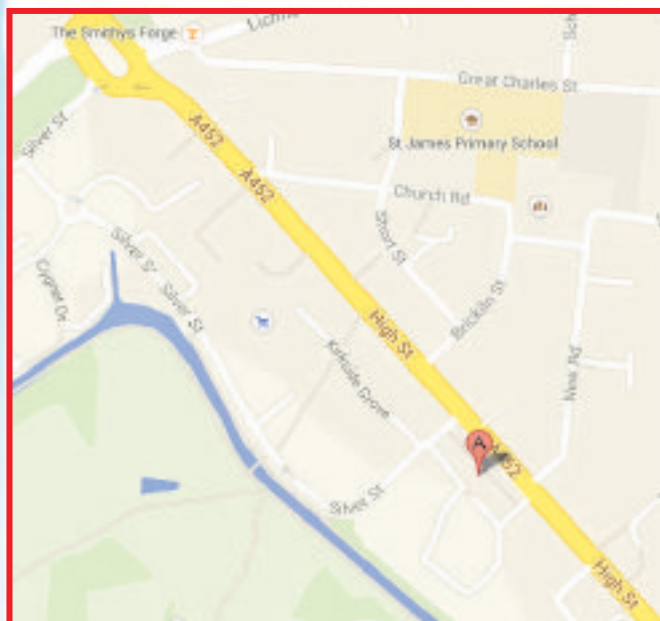


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# Shoppers donate goodies for dogs



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GENEROUS customers at a supermarket donated a trolley full of goodies for homeless pets that are being cared for at a dogs' home. Shoppers at the Tesco supermarket, in Owen Road, Willenhall, have been taking part in an ongoing project in aid of the animals at Sunnyside kennels, based in Coven.

Their efforts have impressed store bosses who, not to be outdone, have also offered the home a trolley load of tennis

balls for the dogs to play with. The store's deputy manager, Tom Archer, has praised shoppers for their generosity. The items have been presented to Sunnyside kennels staff. Mr Archer said: "We have a kennel in the store for the customers to put items into for the home. They just pop tins and packets of food in it."

"The people of Willenhall are very generous when it comes to giving to good causes."

# Rail death man mystery

A MAN who lay down on a railway track in front of an oncoming train may not have intended to take his own life, a coroner has ruled.

Richard Blower was killed when he was struck by a train around 500 yards from Bloxwich North railway station on September 3.

However, senior Black Country Coroner Zafar Siddique said he could not be certain beyond reasonable doubt that 25-year-old Mr Blower intended to kill himself.

Train driver Derek Holland told how he was driving the 11.12am service from Birmingham New Street to Rugeley Trent Valley, when he saw somebody dressed in red scrambling up the side towards the line.

"I sounded the horn and shut off the power," he said. "He lay himself down on the rail in front of me, he lay on top of the rail, but not across it." Mr Holland was unable to stop his train, which was travelling at a speed of 30 to 35mph, and Mr Blower was pronounced dead at the scene.

A toxicology report showed traces of

cocaine and cannabis in his blood. Mr Blower's girlfriend Jenny Kempson told the inquest held at Smethwick Council House that her partner had no history of depression or self harm, although he had been upset on the day of his death by malicious and untrue claims suggesting he had been having an affair.

Mr Blower did not give any indication that he intended to take his life, the inquest was told. Recording an open conclusion, Mr Siddique said: "I'm not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt what his intention was."

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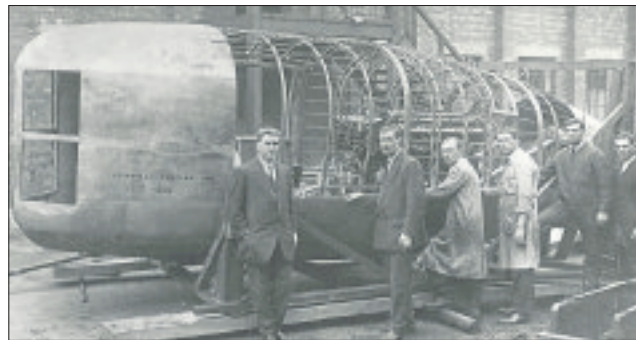




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## MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Companies had to find new products to turn their skills to. Wolverhampton was well served in the new motorised age with many vehicle manufacturers, who thought they could return to car and motor-bike production and find a ready market with the returning servicemen, many of whom had become well used to motor vehicles during the four years of conflict.

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Round the corner Star returned to car production, but were never able to sell enough from their confined factories to sustain the business, and firstly their Briton division and then Star itself went to the wall, and Edward Lisle, founder of the company took his life.

Guy returned to making trucks, and became hugely successful.

Other companies were also to find ready markets for their metal-bashing skills, making locks, bicycles, ploughshares, and all the nuts and bolts to put them together.

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A LANDOWNER has lost his appeal to turn a travelling showmen's base on land at a former colliery near Brownhills into a residential caravan site. Opponents to the plan are celebrating a 'hard won' victory.

The field situated off the A5 near Great Wyrley was used as a seasonal base for fairground people who used it for their mobile homes and to store lorries, trailers and children's rides.

A planning inquiry heard that a row erupted when the site's new owner levelled the land and put down 15 concrete caravan stands. Joseph Jenkins, who bought the land three years ago, also built roads and put in services before applying for retrospective planning permission for a permanent mobile home base.

The bid, on green belt land, was refused by South Staffordshire Council but Mr Jenkins appealed to the Government's planning inspectorate. Secretary of State inspector Diane Lewis has given the owner three months to remove the concrete bases and restore the land to its original grassed condition.

Mr Jenkins had argued that a legal certificate dated 2000, allowing the land to be used for the travelling showmen, should allow him to use the site as a permanent Romany gipsy camp. Mr Matthew Horton, QC, on behalf of the local authority, called the application a 'try-on'.

## FOCUS ON BROWNHILLS

# New national hub for logistics group sets up

A MAJOR transport and logistics company with a UK turnover of more than £1 billion has made a multi-million investment in a new national distribution hub at Brownhills.

Norbert Dentressangle has relocated from Merlins park, Castle Bromwich, to the new site to support the continued expansion of its specialist services operation.

### Report by John Corser

The former International Freight Terminal site on the Maybrook Industrial Estate has been redeveloped and is designed specifically to meet the needs of businesses supplying high value, delicate or large items, such as commercial catering equipment and vending machines. It will be the main centre in the UK for the division, which uses vehicles specially equipped for moving large items.

The refurbished site features a warehouse with 20,000 sq ft of fully racked high bay storage space and a 23,000 sq ft cross-dock facility with a total of 22 loading bays.

There is also an office area of nearly 10,000 sq ft for the centralised customer service team and Norbert Dentressangle has invested in a new state-of-the-art IT system. A team of over 50 drivers, warehouse operatives and administration staff are based on site. Some

have moved from Castle Bromwich with some new recruitment.

The site was chosen due to its excellent transport links via the M6, M6 toll, M42 and A5, and as well as meeting current storage and distribution needs it has the potential for significant future expansion. In the six to 12 months after opening, the site is expected to expand and create new job opportunities for warehouse operators and HGV drivers as the specialist services arm continues to grow.

Norbert Dentressangle said the number would depend on the volume of new contracts that were won.

Director Dave Finnie said: "Brownhills will become the centre of excellence for specialist services and be a showpiece site where existing and future clients will be able to view our operational capability at first hand."



The specialist services operation of Norbert Dentressangle handles large or high value items for business customers

## Storm over removal of poppies for photograph

THE mother of two pupils who were told to take off their poppies before posing for a Brownhills school's photographs has said she will launch a petition calling for the photo to be taken again. Lee Weston, who is a former soldier, and also uncle to Alisha Aston, aged 10 and George Walker, six, called the move 'a massive disgrace'.

Ex-infantryman Mr Weston toured Afghanistan twice, aired his anger over the annual school photograph taken at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, in Brownhills.

The school stated that photographs were not intended to represent any particular time of the year, but it would review the procedure in the future following complaints.

Father-of-two Mr Weston, aged 35, who left the Army in 2008 after suffering a gunshot wound to the shoulder in Helmand Province - said: "The poppy is an important symbol, it's meant to be a sign of Remembrance."

The children's mother, Victoria Walker, 29, of Barnetts Lane, Brownhills, said: "They should have let us had a choice. I'm refusing to buy the photograph as it is. "It is Alisha's last year at school so this photograph is important - and having her wearing the poppy was just as important. We always support the soldiers because of what my brother has done."

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## Food bank aims high to fill need



Helping launch the Willenhall Food Distribution Project are vice chairman Alan Cooper and secretary Valerie

A NEW food bank has been launched in the Black Country to help those in need.

Willenhall Food Distribution Project is run independently from Queens Lea Community Rooms and the committee behind it are hoping to make an impact with locals struggling for money to buy food.

Derek Showell, who is chairman of the distribution project, said help would be available to those who needed it every day: "There are a lot of food banks out there doing a great job but if they are open only once a week or once a fortnight, that kind of defeats the object."

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# Work stress took its toll on nurse inquest told

A SENIOR nurse from Walsall was struggling to cope with work pressures when he took his own life, an inquest heard.

Stuart Beddows, lead nurse in the endoscopy unit at Walsall Manor Hospital, had told a neighbour about his worries days before he was found hanged.

One of the things he was said to be concerned about was a new computer system which had been introduced causing a backlog of patients.

Mr Beddows, who was 43, was discovered at his home in Lime Street, The Chuckery, on September 17.

Neighbour Maureen Hammond told the inquest at Smethwick Council House he had voiced concerns about the pressures he was under two weeks before his death.

She said: "He said he was struggling to cope, working long hours day on end."

Mr Beddows was discovered after friends and family could not get in touch with him. Director of nursing for the hospital Kathryn Halford told the hearing colleagues were aware Mr Beddows was suffering from stress and tried to offer him support.

He was also worried about

By Mark Andrews

an hospital assessment. But she said the most important concern appeared to be the death of a young woman, who died on readmission to hospital three days after he had performed and endoscopic procedure on her.

"It was nothing to do with the endoscopy, it was entirely different, and staff spent a lot of time talking to him about it," she said.

Black Country Coroner Zafar Siddique concluded Mr Beddows intended to take his own life. He said: "The new computer system introduced was causing a backlog of patients, and there was the patient who died following a procedure."

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## CHOICE



Dominic Sandbrook

**Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction (BBC2, 9.45pm)**

In a new four-part series, historian Dominic Sandbrook examines the genre which has dominated the media for decades, after years of being on the fringes of popular culture. And there's no shortage of big names taking part, including Star Trek veterans William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols, Star Wars's feuding duo Anthony Daniels and Kenny Baker, Avatar's Zoe Saldana and one of the genre's most popular authors, Neil Gaiman. In episode one, Dominic examines sci-fi's enduring fascination with outer space, from Jules Verne's groundbreaking 19th-century vision of a voyage to the moon, to that galaxy far, far away in Star Wars.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **11.30 Football Focus.** **12.00 BBC News; Weather.** **12.10 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Qualifying.** The battle for pole in the final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15 Live International Rugby Union: Scotland v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm).** **4.30 Final Score.** **5.20 Celebrity Mastermind.** (R) **5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

**6.10 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong presents a sports special, featuring Dennis Taylor, Bobby George, Sharon Davies, Louise Hazel, Dwayne Chambers, Gail Emms, Ugo Monye and Phil Vickery.

**7.00 Strictly Come Dancing.** After the excitement of Blackpool Tower Ballroom, the pro-celebrity couples make their way back to the studio – and with another couple having been voted out last week, the competition will be more tense than ever. But there will be plenty of spinning and sequins as the hopefuls tackle a number of demanding routines in the hope of getting their names at the top of the leaderboard. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman present, while Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are the ones to impress. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm.

**8.15 Atlantis.** Part two of two. Poshphoe continues to lay siege to the city, and the only hope rests with Jason, Hercules and Pythagoras, who are far from home fighting their own battle.

**9.00 Casualty.** An asylum seeker refuses life-saving surgery because of her religious beliefs. Big Mac tries to reunite a Burmese man with his daughter and Dylan helps Ethan with a diagnosis.

**9.50 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin celebrates 20 years of the National Lottery, with a performance from shadow dancers Attraction charting the history of lottery funding in the UK.

**10.00 BBC News; Weather.** **10.20 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Manchester United, National Lottery Update.

**11.45 The Football League Show.** **1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.10 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**8.20 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Two.** (R) **9.55 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Three.** **11.05 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R) **12.15 James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R) **1.00 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.** (R) **2.00 Escape to the Country.** (R) **2.45 Film: The Red Shoes.** (1948) Powell and Pressburger's drama, starring Moira Shearer. **4.55 Live International Rugby Union: Wales v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.30pm).**

**7.30 Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The experts examine the smallest and largest collectibles featured on the show, and Paul Martin visits Wiltshire where the Science Museum stores its oversized objects.

**8.00 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** The celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry continues with an examination of how their sitcoms chronicled the UK's class system in the 20th century.

**8.30 Dad's Army.** The platoon takes part in an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. (R)

**9.00 QI XL.** Extended edition. Bill Bailey, Sandi Toksvig, Jason Manford and regular panelist Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions about lethal threats.

**9.45 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Uneearthly History of Science Fiction.** New series. Dominic Sandbrook explores the many aspects of the genre and examines its impact on cinema, television and literature. He begins by looking at sci-fi's enduring fascination with outer space, from Jules Verne's pioneering 19th-century vision of a voyage to the moon, to the universe George Lucas created for Star Wars.

Along the way, he reveals how Stanley Kubrick made 2001: A Space Odyssey seem so believable and why a man in a dressing gown became one of sci-fi's best-loved heroes in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

**10.45 Intruders.** Jack discovers the cause of Amy's recent strange behaviour.

**11.30 Film: Minority Report.** (2002) Sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise.

**1.50 Film: The Thing from Another World.** (1951) **3.10 This Is BBC Two.**

## ITV

**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats!** Super Show! **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan.** **9.00 Weekend Kitchen.** **10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.35 Frasier.** (R) **11.05 The Big Bang Theory.** **11.35 The Big Bang Theory.** **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot. **4.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.50 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

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## CHANNEL 4

**6.15 Trans World Sport.** **7.10 The Grid.** **7.35 Angley Sandman Triathlon.** **8.00 The Morning Line.** **9.00 Weekend Kitchen.** **10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.35 Frasier.** (R) **11.05 The Big Bang Theory.** **11.35 The Big Bang Theory.** **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot. **4.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.50 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

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**6.00 Milkshake!** **9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **10.10 Access.** **10.15 Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun.** (R) **11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) **12.15 Film: Trading Christmas.** (2011) A lonely widow and a frustrated writer arrange to swap houses for Christmas, and both find themselves having unexpected romances. Comedy, starring Faith Ford and Gil Bellows. **2.00 Film: All I Want for Christmas.** (2007) Romantic drama, with Gail O'Grady and Robert Mailhouse. **3.45 Film: My Santa.** (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Samira Armstrong.

**5.30 Film: Crazy for Christmas.** (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth.

**7.15 Film: Christmas Wishes.** (2012)

A teacher at a boarding school agrees to look after troubled students who are unable to go home for the Christmas holidays. His career is threatened when a pupil vandalises a beloved local tree where people can leave their handwritten wishes. But he rallies the townsfolk to repair the damage. Family drama, starring Jason Gedrick and Richard Harmon.

**8.55 5 News Weekend.**

**9.00 Film: The Long Kiss Goodnight.** (1996) An amnesiac teacher starts to experience disturbing flashbacks of her former life and hires a private eye to help her learn more about her history. His findings unearth a murky past and her involvement with a shadowy government organisation – whose agents have been dispatched to kill them both. Action thriller, with Geena Davis and Samuel L. Jackson, alongside Patrick Malahide, Brian Cox and Craig Bierko.

**11.20 Gotham.** Bullock fears a copycat serial killer is targeting the offspring of the city's wealthiest citizens, while the net closes around Gordon for the apparent murder of Oswald Cobblepot. (R)

**12.15 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10 The Gadget Show.** The presenters employ technology to transform their chances of beating professionals at their own game, with Oris Deley using a robot to take on a goalkeeper in a penalty shootout. (R)

**4.00 House Doctor.** Ann Maurice works her magic on an arty garden flat in the Kensal Green area of west London. (R)

**4.25 Make It Big.** (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Three

**7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III:** Not in 3D **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Sherlock** **10.30 Live at the Apollo** **11.00 Family Guy** **1.15 Sweat the Small Stuff** **1.45 Life Is Toff** **2.15 The Revolution Will Be Televised** **2.45 Live at the Apollo** **3.15 Some Girls** **3.45 In Deep** **4.00 Close**

**BBC Four**

**7.00 Natural World:** Grizzlies of Alaska **8.00 The Riviera:** A History in Pictures **9.00 Inspector Montalbano** **10.45 The Joy of the Guitar** **11.45 Great Guitar Riffs** at the BBC **12.45 Top of the Pops: 1979** **1.30 Sounds of the 70s 2: Art House Glam** – Get in the Swing **2.00 Natural World:** Grizzlies of Alaska **3.00 The Riviera:** A History in Pictures **4.00 Close**

**ITV2**

**12.30 Film:** Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **2.30 Film:** Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **4.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** **6.05 Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.40 The X Factor** **10.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now!** **11.45 The X Factor** **1.20 The X Factor** **2.20 You've Been Framed** **2.45 Teleshopping** **5.45 ITV2 NightScreen**

**ITV3**

**12.35 Film:** Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) **2.35 A Touch of Frost** **4.35 Inspector Morse** **6.55 Rosemary & Thyme** **8.00 Midsomer Murders** **11.00 A Touch of Frost** **12.45 Bomb Girls** **1.35 World Kitchen** **2.00 ITV3 NightScreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**

**ITV4**

**11.20 Alias Smith and Jones** **12.20 Movies Now** **1.35 Film:** Chyenne Autumn (1964) **3.45 Film:** Rooster Cogburn (1975) **6.00 FIA Formula E Championship** **7.00 Storage Wars** **9.00 Film:** A View to a Kill (1985) **11.45 Film:** Raging Bull (1980) **2.25 Cheers** **2.50 ITV4 NightScreen** **3.00 Teleshopping**

**5.4**

**12.00 How I Met Your Mother** **1.00 Film:** A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) **2.45 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts** **3.00 Made in Chelsea** **4.00 Melissa & Joey** **5.00 How I Met Your Mother** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Film:** The Fourth Kind (2009) **11.05 Rudy** **12.10 The Inbetweeners** **1.20 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **2.15 How I Met Your Mother** **3.00 Franklin & Bash** **3.45 Happy Endings**

**Film4**

**2.50 The Time Machine** (1960) **4.55 Star Trek: Insurrection** (1998) **7.05 The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (2007) **9.00 Rush Hour 3** (2007) **10.45 Underworld: Awakening** (2012) **12.25 Room 237** (2012) **2.25 Apartment 143** (2011)

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CHOICE



Michael Palin

**Remember Me (BBC1, 9pm)**  
It's 23 years since Alan Bleasdale's GBH first hit our screens. Incredibly, it marks the last time that Michael Palin took the lead role in a TV drama. But the seasoned traveler and comedian is back in this three-part series as Tom, an eightysomething pensioner living in a small Yorkshire town. He fakes a fall so he can be taken into residential care, but takes with him only an empty suitcase. Once he's settled in, a variety of bizarre events begin, sparked by the freak death of the social worker in charge of his case. Later, Hannah, the care worker Tom has bonded with, discovers sheet music and wax recordings of various versions of Scarborough Fair, but he becomes agitated when she sings it to him.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.** The final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Points of View. 4.15 Songs of Praise. 4.50 Life Story. (R) 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**  
**6.15 Countryfile.** The team is in Berkshire, where John Craven visits the agricultural college and discovers the village of Cookham, the inspiration for artist Stanley Spencer. Shauna Lowry heads to a valley where hundreds of racehorses train each day, and meets the son of crime writer and jockey Dick Francis. Wildlife expert Sanjida O'Connell walks the Ridgeway, the Roman road that winds its way across the county, and discovers how the landscape has inspired writers, including Wind in the Willows author Kenneth Grahame. Tom Heap investigates measures to get tough against the persecutors of birds of prey. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Barry Manilow performs an old favourite.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** The team visits Tredegar House near Newport in Wales, where items include a tapestry woven in tribute to Status Quo, a frog-shaped brooch and an intricately carved coconut.  
**9.00 Remember Me.** New series. Supernatural thriller, starring Michael Palin as an elderly man whose admittance to a nursing home triggers a series of inexplicable events. Mark Addy co-stars.  
**10.00 BBC News; Weather.**  
**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Crystal Palace v Liverpool at Selhurst Park and Hull City v Tottenham Hotspur at the KC Stadium.  
**11.30 The Apprentice. (R) 12.30 Film: Protocol. (1984) 2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.05 BBC News.**

BBC2

**7.15 Countryfile. (R) 8.15 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) 9.00 The Football League Show. (R) 10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.50 James Martin's Food Map of Britain: (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 International Rugby Union. 2.00 Graham Hunt. (R) 2.45 Live Women's International Football. 5.00 Coast. (R) 5.30 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R)**  
**6.15 Flog It!** Antiques experts Michael Baggett and Philip Serrell value the goods on show in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and Paul Martin talks to artist Graham Ibbeson. (R)  
**7.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom.** Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold learn the skills of medieval builders by heading to France to join a project to construct a 13th-century castle from scratch. (R)  
**8.00 The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** The comedienne continues her journey up the Southeast Asian river and reaches Laos, where she spends a day with novice Buddhist monks and visits the Xayaburi hydroelectric dam.  
**9.00 World's Greatest Food Markets.** Billingsgate fish merchant Roger Barton pits himself against traders at Mexico City's Central de Abasco, which is the largest wholesale food market on the planet.  
**10.00 Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)  
**10.30 The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil go on the run after managing to free Scarlett from Mr Lau's clutches and find temporary safety in the hands of enigmatic MI5 agent Walker. (R)  
**11.00 The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil stumble upon an assassination plot. (R)  
**11.30 Film: Moon.** (2009) An astronaut working alone at a base on the moon discovers the disturbing truth about both the operation he is running and his own identity. Sci-fi drama, starring Sam Rockwell.  
**1.00 Film: The Quatermass Xperiment. (1955) 2.20 Sign Zone Countryfile. (R) 3.20 Holly City. (R) 4.20 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.05 Animals. (R) 7.10 Animals. (R) 7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.35 Mr Bear: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.15 Horrid Henry. 8.30 Big Time Rush. 9.00 The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.30 ITV News. 11.40 Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) 1.30 The Unforgettable Joan Sims. (R) 2.00 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 3.00 The X Factor. (R) 4.40 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Keep It in the Family. Six stars of Benidorm join Bradley Walsh in the studio as they prepare to face the dreaded drop. Crissy Rock (Janey), Sherrine Hewson (Joyce), Jake Canuso (Mateo), Janine Duvitski (Jacqueline), Tony Maudsley (Kenneth) and Perry Benson (Clive) provide assistance as the Mercer and Jaccovides families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. The celebrities each hold the clue to a gift, from new cars to holidays in the sun, and face being sent through a trapdoor as the contestants decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family.  
**8.00 The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has secured the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest acts in the charts.  
**9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** The surprises keep coming for the celebrities as one of them faces a live Bushbucker Trial in an attempt to win food for their fellow campmates. Having completed their first week Down Under, there are still plenty of nightmarish tasks ahead for the stars, and with homesickness setting in, some of them will be struggling. Ant and Dec round up the best bits from the past 24 hours.  
**10.30 ITV News; Weather.**  
**10.45 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show. (R)  
**11.25 Premiership Rugby Unit. 12.15 The Store. 2.20 Motorsport UK. 3.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen.****

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 NFL: The American Football Show. (R) 7.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.35 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Fifteen to One. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 2.00 The Big Bang Theory. 2.30 The Simpsons. (R) 3.00 The Simpsons. (R) 3.30 The Simpsons. (R) 4.00 Film: Furry Vengeance. (2010) Family comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. 5.50 Film: Rio. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. 7.40 Channel 4 News. 8.00 Woolly Mammoth: The Autopsy. The discovery of an extraordinarily well-preserved woolly mammoth in Siberia last year has quickened the pace of one of the most ambitious and controversial projects in science – the cloning of this iconic giant of the Ice Age. When it was dug out of the permafrost, a dark red liquid oozed from the frozen body. Could it be blood? This documentary explores an international team of experts carrying out a historic autopsy on the carcass and gains access to the leading mammoth de-extinction programmes happening now in the US and South Korea.  
**9.00 Homeland.** CIA director Lockhart arrives just as Carrie's investigation faces complications, with the troubled agent learning Majid Javadi has hatched an audacious plan to intercept information he can sell on. US drama, starring Claire Danes and Tracy Betts.  
**10.00 Sarah Millican: Thoroughly Modern Millican Live.** Stand-up performance, recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo during the comedienne's 2012 UK tour, featuring anecdotes on life's humdrum curiosities. (R)  
**11.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by entertainer Bette Midler, comedian Keith Lemon, and singer-songwriter James Blunt. Sam Smith performs his new single Like I Can. (R)  
**12.00 Confessions of a Copper.** The first of two programmes in which professionals lift the lid on their working lives. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 American Football Live. New York Giants v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 1.30pm). 4.45 The Grid. (R) 5.15 SuperScrimpers. (R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.35 Seaside Antics. 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.05 Oily the Little White Van. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. 7.45 Little Princess. (R) 8.00 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.15 Wanda and the Alien. 8.25 Zack and Quack. 8.40 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.55 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.10 LazyTown. (R) 9.40 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.15 Access. (R) 10.20 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.15 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.15 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.10 Film: A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Kelli Williams and Shane Baumel. 3.00 Film: The Christmas Secret. (2014) Premiere. Drama, starring Bethany Joy Lenz. 4.45 5 News Weekend. 4.55 Film: Superman III. (1983) Comic-book adventure sequel, starring Christopher Reeve. 7.15 Film: Hancock. (2008) A reluctant, alcoholic superhero ends up the most hated man in Los Angeles thanks to his habit of causing mayhem and destruction while trying to do good. However, when he saves the life of a PR guru, the grateful executive sets about transforming the public perception of the crime-fighter, despite his wife's strong misgivings. Comedy, starring Will Smith, Jason Bateman and Charlize Theron. Edited for language. 9.00 Film: The Green Hornet. (2011) Premiere. A wealthy playboy inherits a media empire when his father dies. Determined to do some good for a change, he uses his new-found fortune to become a masked crime-fighter. Aided by his chauffeur, who is a kung fu expert and a technical genius, he fights to bring down a powerful gangster. Comic-book adventure, starring Seth Rogen. 11.25 Film: The Punisher. (1989) A policeman-turned-vigilante must save the kidnapped children of a gangster whom he has sworn to bring down. Vigilante thriller, starring Dolph Lundgren. 1.05 SuperCasino. 3.10 Family Massacre: The Jersey Slayer. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Highlights 8.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 8.15 Film: The Proposal (2009) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Some Girls 11.15 American Dad! 12.00 Life Is Toff 12.30 The Revolution Will Be Televised 1.00 Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents 2.00 Some Girls 2.30 Sweet the Small Stuff 3.00 The Revolution Will Be Televised 3.30 Life Is Toff 4.00 Close**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 The Great War 7.40 Britain's Wildest Places 8.00 The Day of the Triffids 9.00 Hunt v Landa: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals 10.00 Jim Clark: The Quiet Champion 11.00 Dolly Parton @ Glastonbury 2014 12.10 Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table 1.10 Country Kings at the BBC 2.10 Sounds of the 70s 2. Reggie – Stir it Up 2.40 Glen Campbell: The Hometown Cowboy 3.40 Close**  
**ITV2**  
**1.55 McBusted: The Hot Desk 2.05 You've Been Framed! 2.40 Film: Small Soldiers (1998) 4.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 5.50 Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 The X Factor 10.00 You've Been Framed! 10.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.35 Educating Joey Essex 12.40 Two and a Half Men 1.30 Dads 1.50 The Vampire Diaries 2.35 Keshi: The Hot Desk 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen**  
**ITV3**  
**11.50 A Touch of Frost 1.55 Rosemary & Thyme 2.55 Film: Columbo: Swan Song (1974) 5.00 Film: On the Buses (1971) 6.50 Inspector Morse 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Cracker 2.20 Judge Judy 3.25 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale**  
**ITV4**  
**5.30 Storage Wars 6.00 British Touring Car Championship 6.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Spy Game (2001) 11.35 Film: First Blood (1982) 1.40 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 2.30 Tommy Cooper 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping**  
**E4**  
**4.15 Rude (ish) Tube Shorts 4.30 The Big Bang Theory 5.00 Film: 27 Dresses (2008) 10.10 The Inbetweeners 11.20 Drifters 11.50 Bad Robots 12.25 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 1.15 Rules of Engagement 2.20 My Fair Wedding Film 4**  
**2.50 It's a Wonderful Life (1946) 5.25 Stormbreaker (2006) 7.15 The Golden Child (1986) 9.00 Lockout (2012) 10.55 Date Night (2010) 12.40 Breathless (2008) 3.20 Close**

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**Harry Brown, Channel 5, 10pm**  
An elderly retired marine leads a law-abiding existence on a south London estate, until his best friend is murdered by a local gang. Furious at the police's inability to bring the killers to justice, he takes the law into his own hands to get revenge. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine. (2009)

TUESDAY

**The Shooting Party, BBC1, 12.20am**  
An English aristocrat invites friends to his stately country home for a weekend of pheasant shooting in 1913. The guests enjoy the self-indulgent privileges of the upper classes, heedless of the local rural poor who cater to their every whim – and are blithely unaware that the approaching war will change their sheltered lives for ever. Period drama, based on Isabel Colegate's novel, with Edward Fox and Robert Hardy. (1985)

WEDNESDAY

**New Town Killers, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
A teenager from inner-city Edinburgh agrees to act as prey in a deadly game of cat and mouse played by a wealthy banker and his latest recruit. However, the hunters always seem to be one step ahead and the youngster realises his chances of survival are slim. Thriller, starring Dougray Scott. (2008)



The World Is Not Enough, Friday, ITV, 10.45pm

THURSDAY

**Tomorrow Never Dies, ITV, 10.40pm**  
James Bond joins forces with a Chinese agent to foil a media mogul's scheme to start a war between their countries. Using an undetectable stealth ship, the press baron plans an attack on both nations' navies, knowing they will blame each other – giving him exclusive global media coverage of the resulting conflict. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce, Teri Hatcher and Michelle Yeoh. (1997)

FRIDAY

**The World Is Not Enough, ITV, 10.45pm**  
James Bond is assigned to protect the heiress of an oil dynasty after her father is killed in a bombing at MI6 headquarters. The attack is the work of an infamous terrorist who is unable to feel pain after surviving a gunshot to his head, and who now intends to destroy the world's supply of oil. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau and Robbie Coltrane. (1999)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Martin digs deep to find us the best deals

Financial journalist Martin Lewis has been frequenting our screens for years now, giving insider tips on how we can further tighten our purse-strings during these hard-up times.

In fact, the money-saving expert is nothing short of a godsend actually, and if anybody knows cash, it's him.

Of course, Mr Lewis' tips have been known to get him into trouble with the big guns of the trading world on the odd occasion, but, from challenging unfair parking tickets to doling out the know-how regarding those television adverts and pestering text messages about mis-sold PPI, his advice has proved priceless (pardon the pun) in the past.

So it's with open arms and loud cheers that we welcome him back to the telly, alongside reporter Saira Khan – and it's come at just the right time, and given the time of the year, there's a noticeable theme to this first episode.

The series kicks off on what's become known as 'Black Friday', the date marking the beginning of the

Christmas shopping season. But if you're already fretting because you don't even know where to start when it comes to present-buying this year, Martin will be listing all the essential deals that you expect to find in stores and online.

Meanwhile, Martin and Saira visit a family in Hertfordshire for a personal stock take of all their belongings to help them raise money to pay for Christmas. And soon enough, any regrets they thought they'd have are forgotten, as they sell unused clothes, mobile phones, buggies and toys.

The Christmas Ideal Home Show is also on Martin and Saira's to-do list this week, as they give members of the public handy tips on how to drum up a bit of extra cash for the festive period, while Martin dresses up for pantomime season as Dame Right-I-Am to show us how we can become wise consumers.

But while Martin is keen to impart his expertise, he certainly doesn't want to sound like he's preaching, telling PA that he never intended to make money from doing this: "I

don't preach about how to make money. That's not really my thing at all or my passion to be honest.

"I was very lucky is the answer. I set up a website I believed in. It originally had no way of making money. I set up a business. I still don't consider myself to be an entrepreneur. I'm somebody who set up a website and I consider myself to be a journalist and consumer campaigner.

"Because the website got so big I needed a way to fund my servers, so I came up with the most ethical way I could think of to fund the site, and it did a lot better than I thought it would.

"I'm about providing information for consumers and fighting for consumer rights. I'm not about setting businesses up, and I think there are far more qualified people than me to talk about how to do that. I got lucky."

Whichever way you look at it, Martin, we're lucky that you got lucky, as our purses have been a lot heavier since you came along...



The Martin Lewis Money Show, Friday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**Loch Ness Monster: The Missing Evidence, Channel 5, 8pm**

Tales of a creature haunting Loch Ness go back for nearly 1,500 years, but only in the last century did the legend truly take off. At St Andrews University, statistical ecologist Charles Paxton has compiled a database of every sighting of the monster ever reported and his team hopes detailed analysis of these records will finally uncover the truth behind the myth of the Loch Ness monster. This programme uses modern forensic technology to re-examine well-known photos and footage, looking at how hopes of finding a surviving dinosaur were dashed by a hoax that fooled everyone, while enthusiast Adrian Shine recounts his decades-long search for the elusive beast.

**Posh People: Inside Tatler, BBC2, 9pm**

Forget watching Made in Chelsea – if you really want a glimpse of Britain's most privileged, just flick through the pages of Tatler. The oldest magazine in the world, it's been documenting the lives of Britain's upper-classes for 300 years, and being pictured in its pages is a rite of passage for the country's social elite. Now this new series is going behind the scenes to find out what's involved in documenting the lives of the rich and powerful. It

discovers that you don't have to be posh to work at Tatler, but it probably does help – editor Kate Reardon is a self-confessed 'honking great Sloane', and all the features team are expected to be versed in the rules of upper-class life. For the magazine's new recruit, writer Mathew Bell, it's a chance to see how the other half live, as he attempts to go from middle-class outsider to privileged insider, at home in the company of those featured on the magazine, who range from Lord Glasgow to Nigerian millionaire Kola Karim.

**TUESDAY  
Live UEFA Champions League, ITV, 7.30pm**

Manchester City v Bayern Munich (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the matchday five Group E clash from the Etihad Stadium, where the hosts are in desperate need of a positive result. Defeat at home to CSKA Moscow last time out left City bottom of the group and on the brink of elimination, which would be sealed if they fail to beat the German champions and CSKA or AS Roma triumph in the other encounter. The reverse fixture on matchday one saw Bayern win 1-0 courtesy of a late goal from former City defender Jerome Boateng,



Live UEFA Champions League, Tuesday, ITV, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

**Waterloo Road, BBC1, 8pm**

Floyd confronts Tiffany and Justin about their relationship, and after the two boys gets into a fight, Tiffany worries her brother will spill the beans to Vaughan and Allie. The police descend on Waterloo Road when Kevin's computer hacking on a multinational organisation is traced back to the school, sparking a major security risk, and Sonya's short story looks set to jeopardise her friendship with Christine after it turns out she has drawn inspiration from her colleague's alcoholic past.

THURSDAY

**Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty, Channel 5, 9pm**

New series. Powerful storytelling and dramatic reconstruction bring to life one of the most bloody and violent chapters in British history as Dan Jones explores the lives of the Plantagenets, who ruled England and much of France during the Middle Ages. The historian begins with Henry II – the first king of the dynasty – a dashing and energetic warrior who transformed England from a violent and lawless state into the heart of an empire that would become one of the greatest that Europe has ever seen.

FRIDAY

**Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild, Channel 5, 9pm**

Ben journeys to the wilderness of Alaska to spend time with Mike and Fran Turner and their children Cathy and Nate, who welcome him into their simple, self-built log cabin. He discovers how the couple have created a self-sufficient lifestyle by working the land and trapping animals, while battling against forest fires in the summer and freezing conditions in the winter. Ben takes every opportunity to get stuck into forest survival, as he battles mosquitoes and adapts to 24-hour daylight.

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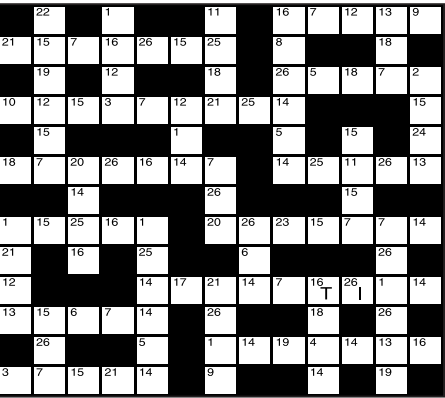
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	E	G	U	H	B	Z	P	A	Y	Q	V	I	R
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

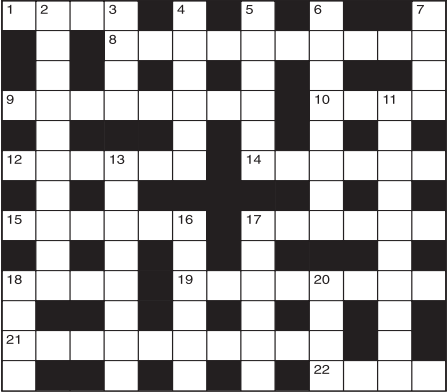
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Goddess is seen twice (4)
- 8. A certain feeling (10)
- 9. Finch because of a handicap (8)
- 10. Wise men having different image out East (4)
- 12. Just happened to be wicked (6)
- 14. It's said to be polite (6)
- 15. Depression that shows in your face (6)
- 17. They hold an alternative view of things (6)
- 18. A wise man changes as he grows older (4)
- 19. Conditional statement? (8)
- 21. Overwhelming personalities (10)
- 22. Is not any faster at splitting points (4)

Down

- 2. Cutting down what the pastrycook may need (10)
- 3. Boat takes a doctor from Moscow (4)
- 4. Not off upon a visit, but ready to make one (2,4)
- 5. Improve on casual acquaintance (4,2)
- 6. Bolt many together? (8)
- 7. It turns up after an opponent (4)
- 11. Proceed directly to lead an honest life? (2,8)
- 13. It may be made in open court or in camera (8)
- 16. Do some relief work? (6)
- 17. A grease paint allowance, in part (6)
- 18. Half the alphabet studied by physicists (4)
- 20. Part of Chelsea seldom free of anxiety (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Appear (4)
- 8. Retort (6,4)
- 9. Infancy (8)
- 10. Tents (4)
- 12. Wheedle (6)
- 14. Ridicule (6)
- 15. Big wave (6)
- 17. Up-to-date (6)
- 18. Cosy (4)
- 19. Penitent (8)
- 21. Neutralise (10)
- 22. Female relative (4)

Down

- 2. Digging out (10)
- 3. Numerous (4)
- 4. On land (6)
- 5. Wanted (6)
- 6. Shadowed (8)
- 7. Disregard (4)
- 11. Temperance (10)
- 13. Courteous (8)
- 16. Evil (6)
- 17. Handbook (6)
- 18. Ill (4)
- 20. Roster (4)

Sudoku

6		4			1			7
	8		2	3	9			6
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	7	2	8	1	5	9	4	6
6	9	5	7	3	4	1	8	2
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9	2	6	4	5	1	8	3	7
2	6	7	1	4	8	3	9	5
8	3	9	5	7	6	4	2	1
5	1	4	2	9	3	7	6	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Ochre; 8 Redress; 9 Camelot; 10 Argon; 12 Take a chair; 15 Dumb blonde; 18 Owllet; 19 Tourism; 21 Conform; 22 Gloss. Down: 1 Touch-and-go; 2 Shame; 3 Deal; 4 Writhe; 5 Advanced; 6 Belgian; 11 Narrow miss; 13 Ambition; 14 Ambling; 16 On time; 17 Pivot; 20 Urge. QUICK - Across: 7 Maybe; 8 Perfect; 9 Asunder; 10 Avert; 12 Freebooter; 15 Deliberate; 18 Remit; 19 Genteel; 21 Operate; 22 Amiss. Down: 1 Ambassador; 2 Syrup; 3 Mend; 4 Sparse; 5 Breakout; 6 Beneath; 11 Thriftless; 13 Rebuttal; 14 Slumber; 16 Regret; 17 Merit; 20 Near.

Quiz

- 1. Which breed of dog has border and bearded varieties?
- 2. Who wrote the four Claudine novels?
- 3. What nationality was Captain Kidd?
- 4. Which bird is also known as Mother Carey's chicken?
- 5. To which group of islands does Skye belong?
- 6. Which Scottish singer was born Marie Lawrie?
- 7. What is the capital city of Bavaria?
- 8. After which king is US state Georgia named?
- 9. Which premiership football captain received an MBE in the 1994 New Year's Honours List?
- 10. On which US tycoon's life was Citizen Kane based?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Heron; 2 Hinduism; 3 Inigo Jones; 4

The Jazz Singer; 5 Aubergine; 6 Myrna Loy;

7 Utopia; 8 Blue Nile; 9 Louis XVI; 10 Heart.

Niner: BUNGALOWS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

3429 gives an animal,  
58763 gives another animal,  
1634589 gives a bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Guide: £138,000 / £145,000  
**VIEWING - BY APPOINTMENT**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON, 31 NEWBRIDGE STREET**  
Well presented and attractive 3 bed Semi. Through Lounge, Study, Dining Area. Kitchen, Cloakroom, enclosed Rear Garden with useful Outbuilding  
Guide: £118,000 / £123,000  
**VIEWING - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.**  
**PARKFIELDS, 193 DIXON STREET**  
Investment - Mid Terrace, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Garden, off-road parking  
Guide: T.B.A.  
**VIEWING - BY PRIOR APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**PENN, 10 ALEXANDRA ROAD**  
Smartly modernised, Late Victorian Mid Terraced Residence with two Reception, Kitchen and Utility, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Gas CH, double glazed, useful Outbuilding and Rear Garden  
Guide: £125,000 / £135,000  
**VIEWING - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER @ 12.00 noon**  
**North Warnborough, Hampshire, Hook Road**  
Parcel of Freehold Land with frontage to Hook Road  
Guide: £8,000 / £12,000  
**Tettenhall, 6 Lower Street**  
Very spacious End Terrace with outlook to Lower Green, Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas CH, Three Outbuildings, Spacious Garden area  
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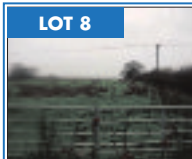
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◆ Double glazing  
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◆ EPC rating 43  
Guide price £220,000 to £240,000



**LOT 2**  
6 BROXTON CLOSE, BLOXWICH  
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◆ Mid terraced house  
◆ Three bedrooms  
◆ Gas central heating  
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**LOT 3**  
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◆ With benefit of planning permission to erect an individual detached two bedroomed house  
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**LOT 4**  
11 PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD  
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Detached house  
◆ Three bedrooms  
◆ Part double glazed  
◆ In need of improvement/refurbishment  
◆ EPC rating 30

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### Lot 2 Gravelly Lane Birmingham

22nd and 28th November at 12.15pm



This semi detached property is situated just off the Chester Road and is currently converted into 3 flats making it an ideal investment opportunity offering very good potential yields. Set back from the road with, off street parking, the property has a substantial rear garden. Part let and with some central heating and double glazing.

●Auction Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

### Lot 3 Regent Road Handsworth

20th and 29th November 11.00 am



A charming traditional semi detached family home offering great scope and potential for improvement with further extension possibilities (subject to planning permission). Conveniently located within a short distance of Hollyhead Road and local shops within a popular residential area. The property is entered via a storm porch and inviting entrance hallway leading through to two spacious reception rooms accompanied by a fitted kitchen. The first floor accommodation comprises of three double size bedrooms whilst complemented by a generous family bathroom and separate wc. Benefitting from gas central heating the property must be viewed.

●Auction Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

### Lot 4 Lichfield Road Sandhills

Appointment through Auctioneers



Occupying a delightful semi rural location between Brownhills and Lichfield this traditionally styled semi detached cottage offers scope for further improvement. The accommodation comprises:- (Ground Floor) Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall opening into Fitted Kitchen with sink unit, drainer, built in oven and hob and range of units, Lounge with stairs to first floor off, windows to side and rear, laminate floor covering and feature fireplace. Dining Area with window to side and door to Utility Room, Bathroom, Corner Bath, low level w.c. and wash hand basin, Large Utility Room with door to outside. (First Floor) Staircase leads to Landing leading to 3 Bedrooms.

●Auction Guide Price £77,500 PLUS

### Lot 5 Toll End Road Tipton

24th and 29th November 1.15 pm



A Victorian mid terraced property with gas fired central heating and part double glazing, offering well planned accommodation in need of some modernisation and improvement. Situated in a popular residential area between Wednesbury and Great Bridge with all amenities close at hand, the property comprises:- (Ground Floor) Front Living Room, Rear Living Room, Lean to with door to outside providing access to Kitchen with sink unit and range of units, W.C. (First Floor) Landing provides access to:- Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Bathroom with white suite, panelled bath, wash hand basin and w.c.

●Auction Guide Price £59,000 PLUS

### Lot 7 Waddington Avenue Great Barr

22nd and 28th November 11.00 am



Traditionally styled semidetached property ideally suited to a first time buyer or investor with the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing. Set in a popular residential area, not far from the Scott Arms with facilities provided.

●Auction Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

### Lot 8 Lazyhill Road Aldridge

24th and 29th November 11.30 am



This purpose built first floor maisonette is situated on Lazy Hill Road within a short distance of Aldridge Village centre with facilities provided. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing the property would make an ideal investment opportunity as it is in need of some improvement and modernisation. Set back behind a driveway with garage the property comprises the following in greater detail: Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Auction Guide Price £77,500 PLUS

### Lot 10 Station Street Walsall

Appointment through Auctioneers



This commercial property with double glazing holds a lot of potential and is located a short walk from both Walsall town centre and Walsall train station. With three floors of office space the property is an ideal opportunity for redevelopment and could be converted to residential (subject to planning approval). The property comprises:- Ground Floor Front door to hall providing access to stairs to first floor and office 1 (Front), office 2, office 3 with fitted kitchen as well as access to WC First Floor Landing leads to office 4 (Front), office 5 (Rear) leading to small cupboard and stairs to second floor. Second Floor Landing leads to office 6 (Front), office 7, office 8 with access to small cupboard

●Auction Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

### Lot 11 Darlaston Road Walsall

24th and 29th November 12.30 pm



A unique opportunity to purchase as a combined lot two self contained residential units ideal for buy to let or conversion. Situated on the busy Darlaston Road with all amenities close at hand the properties benefit from gas fired central heating and some double glazing. 63a Darlaston Road (accessed from Kingsley Street) Front Door to Hall providing access to Bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath, pedestal wash hand basin, w.c., Kitchen, Lounge with useful store and stairs to first floor off, Bedroom One (Front), Bedroom Two (Rear) 65 Darlaston Road A double fronted unit comprising Large open plan Lounge, Lobby, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms.

●Auction Guide Price £100,000 PLUS

### Lot 13a Lanchester Road Kings Norton

Appointment with the auctioneers



Situated in a quiet cul de sac not far from Kings Norton Green, this detached family home has gas central heating and double glazing. Offering potential for further improvement the property comprises Ground Floor Reception Hall, with stairs off, Full width Lounge with French doors to rear Garden. Separate Dining Room, Kitchen with range of units and window to front. First Floor Landing with airing cupboard housing new Worcester boiler and 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Auction Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

### Lot 14 The Sling Netherton

24th and 29th November 2.00 pm



This traditionally styled Victorian semi detached property enjoys gas fired central heating and is conveniently located in a popular residential area between Dudley and Merry Hill and would make an ideal investment or opportunity for a first time buyer. The spacious well proportioned and maintained accommodation comprises:- Ground Floor Lounge with stairs to first floor off, Hallway with understair cupboard, Dining Room, Kitchen with sink unit, range of units and electric oven and hob, Rear Hallway provides access to Bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath with shower over, pedestal wash hand basin. Separate W.C. First Floor with 3 bedrooms.

●Auction Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

### Lot 15 Arboretum Road Walsall

Appointment through Auctioneers



Situated in a desirable residential area overlooking Walsall Arboretum lake, this substantial detached property is split into seven flats brining in a total income of around £26,000 per annum (at the time of going to print, the Auctioneer had not inspected the Tenancy Agreements). Conveniently located close to Walsall town centre.

●Auction Guide Price £235,000 PLUS

### Lot 16 Dorington Road Perry Barr

20th and 29th November 11.45 am



Occupying a convenient location this traditionally styled semi detached property offers well planned gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation and is in need of some modernisation. Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall with double doors to Through Lounge/ Dining Room with bay window to front and patio doors leading to uPVC Conservatory, Kitchen with door to side Lean to with doors to both front and rear First Floor 3 Bedrooms with Bathroom and w.c.

●Auction Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

### Lot 17a Grasmere Road Handsworth

20th and 29th November 10.15am



Spacious mid terraced property in need of modernisation situated in a popular convenient location close to all amenities, with double glazing and central heating. The property is an ideal project or investment opportunity and comprises:- Ground Floor Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor with two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Auction Guide Price £65,000 PLUS

### Lot 18 Sneyd Hall Road Bloxwich

24th and 29th November 10.20 am



Set back from the road behind a paved foregarden and driveway this spacious well proportioned gas fired centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property is conveniently located in a popular residential area within easy access of Bloxwich town centre and has open aspect to the front. Ideal as an investment opportunity the property comprises:- Ground Floor Enclosed uPVC Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, door to Dining Room, Utility Room with door to front and rear and access to Garage. First Floor 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite and wash hand basin and Separate W.C.

●Auction Guide Price £60,000 PLUS

### Lot 19 Elmwood Court Sutton Oak Road

24th and 29th November 12pm



First floor apartment located in a popular residential location on the corner of Sutton Oak Road and Bakers Lane which offers local amenities along with regular transport links. The apartment is accessed via a communal door with secure intercom system and stairs leading to the first floor then a private entrance door leads to the following accommodation:- Accommodation Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

●Auction Guide Price £70,000 PLUS

### Lot 20 Chepstow Way Bloxwich

24th and 29th November 10.00 am



This modern semi detached property will make an ideal buy to let situated in a popular residential area within easy access of Bloxwich town centre. The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation comprises:- Ground Floor Fully Enclosed Porch with door leading to Lounge with stairs to first floor off, archway to Fitted Kitchen with door to outside and access to Store Cupboards and W.C. First Floor Landing provides access to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom with matching white suite.

●Auction Guide Price £55,000 PLUS

### Lot 21 Kelway Avenue Great Barr

22nd and 28th November 11.30 am



Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac on the Park Farm Estate this detached family residence is in need of complete refurbishment and offers an ideal opportunity for development with all amenities close at hand the property comprises:-Ground Floor Large Entrance Hall with glazed double doors to Lounge with door onto rear garden, Kitchen with window to rear and door to outside. First Floor Bedroom One with window to rear, Bedroom Two (Front), Bedroom Three (Front), Bathroom with bath and wash hand basin, Separate W.C.

●Auction Guide Price £130,000 PLUS

### Lot 22 Ashtree Road Pelsall

24th and 29th November 10.00 am



Traditional Victorian semi-detached property set in a prominent location within a short distance of Pelsall Village Centre with all facilities provided. The property is within need of full modernisation and improvement and comprises the following: Ground Floor Front door leads to Lounge, Lobby, Rear living room Door to kitchen, bathroom, separate W.C. First Floor Staircase leads to landing providing access to: 3 Bedrooms.

●Auction Guide £80,000 - £85,000

### Lot 23 Fallowfield Road Walsall

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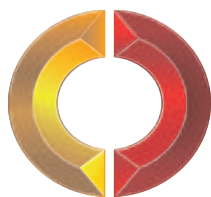


Situated on the popular Orchard Hill Estate and occupying a good size plot this semi detached property has some double glazing and offers tremendous scope for further improvement, with all amenities close at hand the property comprises:- Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall with stairs to first floor off, Dining Room, Kitchen, Dining Room. First Floor 3 Bedrooms and bathroom.

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- Must Be Viewed

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- Toilet Facilities

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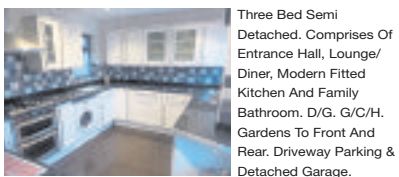
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£130,000



**AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W'HALL**  
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**COPPICE FARM WAY, W'HALL**  
Extended Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room And Family Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazed And Gas Central Heated. Driveway Parking To The Fore And Enclosed Garden To Rear.

£140,000



**BAYNTON RD, WILLENHALL**  
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**SHEPWEEL GREEN, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow. Comprises Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Ground Floor Bedroom, Two Bathrooms, Two First Floor Bedrooms, GCH, DG, Detached Garage, Front & Rear Gardens.

£150,000



**BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, WILLENHALL**  
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C., Additional Sitting Room & Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating. Driveway.

£155,000



**STUBBINGTON CL, W'HALL**  
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Comprises Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge Being Open Plan Into The Conservatory, Kitchen, Family Shower Room. The Property Also Benefits D/G & G/C/H. To The Outside There Is A Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Ample Off Road Parking To The Fore.

£162,000



**DERWENT CLOSE, W'HALL**  
Three Bed Detached Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, W.C., Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen & Utility Room. En-Suite To Master, Family Bathroom. Ample Off Road Parking To The Front And An Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£180,000



**THE GREEN, DARLASTON**  
Four Bed Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.

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**LICHFIELD RD, NEW INVENTION**  
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating. Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.

£180,000



**CRAB LANE, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bed Dormer Bungalow, Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Bathroom, One Bedroom To Ground Floor. First Floor Has Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, D/G. G/C/H. Front/Rear Gardens. Driveway & Garage.

£180,000



**BUSH STREET, DARLASTON**  
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite W.C To Master Bed. Outside Is Gated Parking, Double Garage With Office & Garden.

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- Superb refitted breakfast kitchen
- Family/sitting room
- Utility
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Long driveway
- Pleasant gardens

**£365,000**

### NEW INSTRUCTION



**WILLENHALL  
STROUD AVENUE**

EPC TBC

- Modern style semi detached property
- Popular location
- Lounge
- Impressive refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Block paved driveway
- Pleasant front and rear gardens

**£150,000**

### MANAGER'S CHOICE



**WILLENHALL  
DILLWAYS LANE**

EPC TBC

- Extended traditional semi detached property
- Impressively appointed
- Through lounge
- Superb family/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

**£135,000**

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<p><b>REDUCED</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL CHILTERN DRIVE</b></p> <p>● Modern Mid Town House ● Three Bedrooms ● Lounge ● Dining Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Driveway ● Rear Gardens</p> <p><b>OFFERS OVER £105,000</b></p>	<p><b>EPC E</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL BENTON CLOSE, OFF STROUD AV</b></p> <p>● Well Presented Mid Town House ● No Chain ● 20ft Through Lounge /Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating ● Front &amp; Rear Gardens</p> <p><b>OFFERS OVER £105,000</b></p>	<p><b>EPC C</b></p> <p><b>BENTLEY DYSON CLOSE</b></p> <p>● Spacious mid terraced property ● Lounge ● Dining kitchen ● Two large double bedrooms ● Bathroom with white suite ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Rear gardens ● Communal parking</p> <p><b>£89,950</b></p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL ROSEHILL</b></p> <p>● Improved period style mid terraced property with No chain ● Three bedrooms ● Lounge ● Dining room ● Refitted kitchen ● Bathroom ● Double glazing ● Pleasant rear garden</p> <p><b>OFFERS OVER £85,000</b></p>	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p><b>SHORT HEATH COLTHAM ROAD</b></p> <p>● Traditional Semi Detached requiring Modernisation in Popular Location ● Hall ● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom ● Part Gas CH ● Long Rear Gardens ● NO UPWARD CHAIN</p> <p><b>STARTING BID £85,000</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL HARRY PERKS STREET</b></p> <p>● Mid terraced property ● Three good size bedrooms ● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Ground floor wet room ● First floor bathroom ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Rear garden ● Driveway ● No chain</p> <p><b>£84,950</b></p>	<p><b>NO CHAIN</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL ALBION ROAD</b></p> <p>● Period Mid Terrace in Convenient Location ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Large Dining Kitchen ● Ground Floor Shower Room ● Gas Central Heating ● Rear Gardens ● No Chain</p> <p><b>£79,950</b></p>	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p><b>WILLENHALL REGENT STREET</b></p> <p>● Period Mid Terrace ● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Kitchen ● Ground Floor Shower Room ● 2/3 Bedrooms ● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating ● No Chain</p> <p><b>£75,000</b></p>	<p><b>EPC TBC</b></p>

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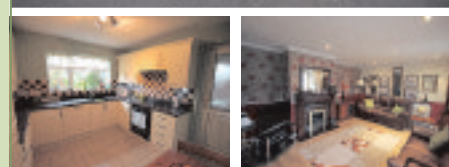
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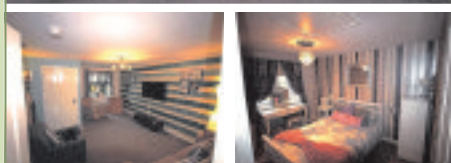
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Squires Grove, Willenhall

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Allens Lane, Walsall  
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£150,000



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Prices from £129,950



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In the Region Of £129,950



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 • Shower Room

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 • Kitchen  
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 • Double Glazing  
 • Verandah

In the Region Of £90,000



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 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Kitchen  
 • Family Bathroom  
 • Out-Buildings/W.C.  
 • Front & Rear Gardens

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West Street, Walsall  
 • Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Kitchen  
 • Ground Floor Bathroom  
 • Three Double Bedrooms  
 • Rear Garden

In the Region Of £90,000



Weston Street, Walsall  
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
 • Two Reception Rooms  
 • Kitchen with Pantry  
 • Inner Lobby with Utility  
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 • Two Double Bedrooms

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  - Kitchen
  - Utility
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £179,950



- Gorey Close, Willenhall**
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  - Kitchen/Diner
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  - MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE

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  - Family Bathroom

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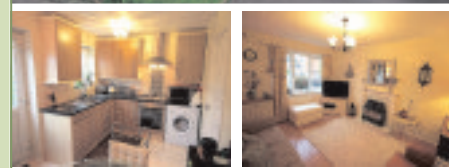
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  - Viewing Essential

In the Region of £120,000



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  - Three Bedrooms

In the Region Of £139,950



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- Three Bedroom Detached House
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  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Lounge/Dining Room
  - Family Bathroom
  - Front and Rear Gardens

In the Region of £125,000



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- Ideal for First Time Buyers
  - Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Lounge/diner
  - Cloakroom W.C.
  - Two Double Bedrooms

In the Region Of £124,995



- Lane Avenue, Walsall**
- Three Bed Semi-Detached
  - Extended
  - Fitted Kitchen
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  - Bathroom with Shower
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In the Region Of £124,950



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  - Extended Breakfast Kitchen
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  - Family Bathroom

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In the Region Of £105,000



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  - Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
  - Double Bedroom
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  - Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower

In the Region Of £104,995



- Wychbold Close, Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen/Diner
  - Guest W.C.
  - Master Bedroom with Walk-In Wardrobe Area

Offers in Excess of £100,000



- Central Drive, Walsall**
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom with Shower
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Garage & Carport

Offers in Excess of £100,000



- Hawbush Road, Walsall**
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Side Entrance
  - Utility/Guest W.C.
  - Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £97,000



- Guild Avenue, Walsall**
- Extended Three Bed End Terrace
  - Immaculately Presented
  - Lounge
  - Dining Room
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Downstairs W.C.

In the Region Of £95,000



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- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
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  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Master Bedroom with En-Suite
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  - Family Bathroom

In the Region Of £95,000



- Raleigh Street, Walsall**
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Newly Fitted Ground Floor Bathroom
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £80,000



- Manorhouse Close, Walsall**
- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
  - Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
  - Two Double Bedrooms
  - Family Bathroom
  - Double Glazing
  - Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £80,000



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  - Double Glazing

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  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom with Shower
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  - Double Glazing

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  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Utility Room
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Family Bathroom

£70,000



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# Pulsar from Nissan could be the ticket for plenty of car buyers

By Ian Donaldson

Nissan is scratching a seven year itch and entering a vital part of the car market where it's been absent since 2007, while it made a mint with a couple of SUVs.

Now that the Qashqai and Juke are pulling in punters like there's no tomorrow, it's high time to put up something against the like of Ford's Focus, helping fill a part of the market that accounts for one in three new cars sold in the UK.

The result of much midnight oil burning is the Pulsar, designed and sold only in Europe – and built in Barcelona.

This five-door hatchback follows the same design path chosen by competitors and majors on space and the chance to add the sort of technology usually associated with dearer cars.

That can include four cameras that give a bird's eye view of what's around the car and automatic emergency braking which can stop the car at low speeds before you hit the vehicle ahead.

## Designed

The Pulsar looks smart from the outside and obviously designed with a European twist (not the eastern one you might expect from a Japanese car maker) and is clean and uncluttered inside, if a bit too obviously plastic in some areas.

Nissan has pushed front and rear wheels further apart than in any obvious rival and the resultant space in the back will easily managed a six-footer sitting behind a similarly tall driver.

Only a potential owner will know how useful that feature will prove, with more than half all Pulsar sales destined for the fleet market, where they'll spend a lot of time with only the drive aboard.

The present Pulsar range is simplicity itself with just one petrol engine (1.2 litres) and a single diesel (1.5 diesel) on offer, although a sportier petrol version looks a certainty before too long.

Prices range from £15,995 and top out at £21,945, which includes the £1,600 premium asked for diesel models. About half of all Pulsar buyers are expected to take the petrol route, with the Acenta (£17,645) likely to be the highest selling trim line.

That model comes with the automatic safety brakes already mentioned, along with automatic lights and wipers. Every Pulsar has air conditioning and Bluetooth phone connection, while the N-TEC model tested here adds 17 inch alloy wheels, satellite navigation, DAB radio and cruise control.

## Economy

In a car world where diesel is king on the economy front it's too easy to forget the charms of petrol power; displayed here by an engine that stays hushed even from a cold start and pulls smoothly from such low engine speeds you'll stay in higher gears longer, to the benefit of fuel economy.

Given a firm request for maximum urge, the Pulsar proved a surprisingly engaging car on some familiar back roads, all the time staying comfortable on surfaces I know (from bitter experience) can unsettle a lot of other machines.

After an hour's spirited motoring the trip computer (part of a nicely legible dash readout) showed 38mpg.

That's about what I expected and was easily bettered by slowing down and changing up when the dash arrow prompt told me to.

That resulted in an impressive 52mpg, showing once again that you can have fun or frugality, but not both together.

The diesel would undoubtedly top that figure without trying hard, but remember the £1,600 extra it will cost.

So for lots of drivers the new Pulsar is going to be just fine in a model that costs less than might.

Can't argue with that.

## TESTED

Nissan Pulsar 1.2 DIG-T N-TEC

Engine: 113bhp petrol

Warranty: Three years or 60,000 miles

Economy: The Pulsar can do 56.5mpg

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# New Audi TT could be right up your street

By Ian Donaldson

**It's Take 3 for Audi and its hugely popular TT, which promises better efficiency, a more sporty driving experience and some clever new technology.**

You don't have to be a car-ista to know about the Audi TT. Since the first generation appeared in 1999, it's been the choice of the fashion-conscious, but it took until the second model in 2005 before the driving experience could match its looks.

Now the third generation has arrived and it promises to move the TT forward in a significant way.

Like the old car, it uses a mix of aluminium and high-strength steels to keep the weight down, yet it's 50kg lighter than the old car.

It also debuts what Audi terms the 'virtual cockpit' – a large display screen where the instruments would normally be. Add to that a new exterior, interior and refreshed engines and there's plenty to take in.

You'd be forgiven for thinking that third generation TT is barely changed, but park one next to the old car and the differences become clearer.

It's broader in the shoulder and more edgy than before, particularly at the front, where there's a mean six-sided grille and vertical LEDs in the headlights to match the R15 Le Mans racer.

The unique curved roof stays, and hotter TTs models get a more distinctive nose. A job well done, then.

Move to the inside and the focus is clearly on those up front. The virtual cockpit means an uncluttered dashboard, and there's plenty of clever thinking here. The air vents house the controls for the air con itself, while the instrument display is crystal clear and informative.

## Flavours

Front seat passengers have good space for head and legs and the boot is 13 litres larger than before – but the rear seats remain the domain of children, unless your adult friends are very short in stature.

There's three flavours to choose from; 2.0-litre TFSI in 227bhp and 306bhp forms, plus the 181bhp 2.0-litre TDI Ultra. The lower-output petrol is likely to be the most popular and strikes a good balance between performance and efficiency.

Wring it out and it will hit 62mph in 6.0 seconds flat, half a second quicker if you go for Quattro four-wheel-drive and the S tronic gearbox, yet it can also manage 39.2mpg combined.

There's a pleasing gruffness to the exhaust note when you rev it out yet it is quiet and refined when cruising.

With standard suspension, the TT fractionally prioritises comfort over ultimate handling but for everyday use it's judged very well; it handles neatly, with strong grip and a sense of security while doing a fine job of soaking up bumps.

## Clever

All versions get the clever virtual cockpit as standard, the touchpad MMI control system to operate it, keyless go and the Audi Drive Select system.

There's leather and Alcantara sports seats, 18-inch alloy wheels and LED daytime running lights as standard too, but you need to pay extra to get sat-nav and fully automatic climate control.

Who would buy one? If you loved the previous TTs then this one will be right up your street.

Fashion-conscious buyers will be happy to be seen stepping out of it, but now keener drivers can get excited about it too.

It's not the ultimate sports car, but it's sharp enough and sufficiently good fun to keep the majority of drivers very happy.

This car summed up in a single word: Teutonic

If this car was a gadget gadget, it would be an iPhone 6; this season's must-have.

## TESTED

Audi TT 2.0-litre TFSI, £29,770 Engine: 2.0-litre unit producing 227bhp and 273lb/ft of torque

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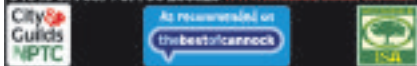
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## Sawyer keeps his team in contest

### Walsall 1 Sheff Utd 0

WALSALL are just three games from history with the 1-0 win over Sheffield United at the Banks's, courtesy of a rare headed goal from Romaine Sawyers, means the Saddlers are just two rounds away from a first-ever Wembley appearance.

It might only be the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, a competition which clearly fails to capture the imagination of supporters judging by the gate.

But should Dean Smith's men successfully negotiate next month's Area semi-final and a two legged Area final, nobody will be complaining.

Victory extended the current unbeaten run to four games and progress in this competition gives further credence to the feeling this is a season finally getting off the ground.

The only concern for Smith will be the hamstring strain which forced top scorer Tom Bradshaw off at half-time.

Ten minutes into the half, the Saddlers were ahead with a goal which arrived right after their best move of the match.

From a corner, Sawyers dashed to the near post to glance Forde's delivery home. With their noses in front, the hosts set about trying to find a second.

## Saddlers punishing disrespect

ROMAINE SAWYERS claims Walsall have punished the League One big boys for their "lack of respect" this season.

The Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Sheffield United was another notable success for the Saddlers against one of the division's bigger clubs.

So far this season, Dean Smith's men have beaten second-placed Preston, seen off Doncaster and registered an impressive draw with leaders Bristol City.

Sawyers senses certain teams arrive at the Banks's expecting the Saddlers to be a pushover, something he believes plays right into their hands.

"I think we maybe don't get shown as much respect by the bigger teams," he said. "We back ourselves against anyone when it's like that."

"When teams come out and try to play against us, nine times out of 10 we get the better of them."

## Darlo's seven hits the top

### Red Star Alma 0 Darlarton Town 7

DARLARTON Town went top of West Midlands Division Two with a magnificent 7-0 win against landlords Red Star Alma.

John Reeves grabbed a hat-trick and a strike by Ashley Walker gave Darlo a 4-0 half-time lead.

Skipper Ryan McAllister, top scorer Mark Swann and Sam Melia, with his first goal for the club, completed the rout in the second half, with Alma's Michael Peach sent off.

A superb four man passing move saw Lucas Hough set up McAllister to volley home a vicious 25 yard shot.

# Bloxwich shut out by league leaders

### Handsworth RFC 38 Bloxwich RFC 1st XV 0

BLOXWICH travelled to table-topping neighbours Handsworth, expecting a tough test.

As the scoreline suggests the match went according to expectation. However, Handsworth were forced to dig deep to establish a winning platform.

The condition of the pitch really dictated what style of rugby would produce the win. Bloxwich were playing downhill in the first half on a very wet and muddy surface.

The Bloxwich pack competed well on the gain line forcing Handsworth into handling errors and turnovers, and had the bulk of possession.

The ball wasn't used well by Bloxwich in the conditions and for all their hard work found it difficult to gain territory. When

### Rugby

they did Sean Bottomer was presented a penalty chance to give Bloxwich the lead, which just went wide of the far post.

Within five minutes Handsworth established some attacking phases in the Bloxwich half and were rewarded with a chance of their own, which also went wide.

The Handsworth forwards were under immense pressure in the scrum conceding a fistful of penalties to Bloxwich. Unfortunately only one of which was in an attacking area.

Rather than opt for posts Bloxwich kicked for the line out in the corner, which went long and a 22 drop out awarded to Handsworth.

Just before half time Handsworth gained

a penalty opportunity they duly converted to take a 3-0 lead.

The second half started with both teams reduced to 14 for yellow card offences on the stroke of half time.

This seemed to unsettle Bloxwich more than the home side who went on to open the scoring within minutes of the restart.

This gave the home side a lift and they soon had Bloxwich under their own posts playing uphill on a muddy surface.

With the visitors unable to play the conditions they conceded another try from close range.

This made the score 17-0 to Handsworth.

Bloxwich were forced to reorganise after a wrist injury to flanker Jamie Parkes, this affected their pack play and in the conditions they found it difficult to get out of their half.

Handsworth went onto play some very confident and strong running rugby to touchdown a further three times to make final score 38-0.

Despite the display in the second half, Bloxwich can take heart from holding the league leaders to a lead of just 3-0 at the half, and the promising debut of young winger Stephen Dal.

Bloxwich II's entertained neighbours Essington and despite tries from veteran Neil Francis and new boy Matt Cunliffe, lost in a well-spirited game.

Bloxwich were pleased to welcome back after a season's absence with a man of the match performance Paul "Shrek" Brown.

This Saturday Bloxwich RFC welcome Harborne RFC to King George's Kick off 2.15pm.

## Squad share the spoils in close call

### Bloxwich Men's 1st XI 1 Oswestry Hockey Club 1

THE match was a very tight contest that was end to end and a great contest for any spectators to come and watch.

In the first half, both teams played some excellent hockey and created many chances.

Incredible saves from both the Oswestry keeper and Bloxwich keeper, Mark Brooks, kept the scoreline 0-0 at half time.

The end to end nature of the game continued in the second half and it was Bloxwich who broke the deadlock first with a well worked Eddie Marrocco short corner being deflected into the Oswestry goal.

Not long after, Oswestry won a short corner and blasted it into the Bloxwich goal to bring the game level.

Adam Baldwin of Bloxwich was denied a goal by the umpires for the ball not leaving the D on a short corner.

Bloxwich felt hard done to towards the end of the game but with fine saves from both keepers being highlights of the game, a draw seemed a fair reflection on what was a pulsating game for all involved.

Bloxwich look forward to their trip to Whitchurch this week and hope to pick up 3 points.

## Rom uses his head to win bet

LAST week was profitable in more ways than one for Romaine Sawyers.

Not only did he score the only goal of the game as Walsall took another step towards Wembley, he also claimed another bottle of champagne for his man-of-the-match performance and took £5 from assistant boss Richard O'Kelly.

The bubbly will merely be another ornament for the tee-total forward but the fever has special meaning, after O'Kelly bet Sawyers in the summer he would not score a goal with his head this season.

As a form of motivation, it worked a treat. No wonder Sawyers was so keen to claim the first headed goal of his career, despite a deflection off Blades midfielder Michael Doyle.

"I'm claiming it, 100 per cent because it was off my head," he said. "Richard O'Kelly told me that if I scored with my head he would give me five pounds, so I finally did it."

## Etheridge to fight decider

WALSALL'S Liam Etheridge has granted Mat Windle a rematch for the UniBox Central England flyweight title to take place on home turf next month, writes *Craig Birch*.

Etheridge avenged his defeat to Windle in the England Elite national competition earlier this year when he snatched the belt nine days ago.

But the 20-year-old, who represents Pleck Boxing Club, feels they need to go at it again to truly decide who is the better fighter at 52kg.

They are set for battle at the Banks's Stadium on Thursday December 11. He said: "It's 1-1 now."

# Wood showing their power over Dynamo

### Walsall Wood 4 Shepshed Dynamo 1

WOOD'S defence was given a thorough examination in the opening 20 minutes but they came out on top in the end.

They recorded a well-deserved victory, as both teams made light of the heavy conditions. Luke Beastall raced down the left, Craig Deakin making an important challenge to put the ball out.

The throw in found Steve Towers and his first time drive from 20 yards was just wide. Two minutes later David Hind raced onto a ball into the right of the box, chipped it over the advancing Mario Kisiel, Lee Stretton racing back to clear off the line.

Wood's first real effort on goal came on 14 minutes, Joey Butlin winning the ball in the centre before laying it off right to Ben Evans, his ball inside found Max Black who looped a ball over the keeper and just over the left hand angle.

Then Beastall played the ball into the left of the box, Kisiel racing from his line to kick clear from the on-rushing Scott Staniland. A minute later it was Courtney Meade racing onto a ball into the right of the box only to hit a first time effort wide.

Wood's reply was instant, Corey Curritthers cutting in from wide left and lobbing the ball over stranded keeper Luke Pickering, Danny Chapman got back to hack the ball off the line, but it went straight to Harry Harris who hit a first time effort whistling just wide.

A lovely flowing move opened up the visiting defence, Evans charged down the right, his ball inside touched back by Leon Taylor to Craig Deakin, his rising drive landing on the bowling green. The goal

### Football

Wood had been threatening came just two minutes later, Taylor appeared to be held up in the right hand corner by two defenders but he powered clear, advanced along the byline before laying the ball back for Butlin to score with a crisp low drive.

Just after the half hour it was 2-0, Harris collected a ball left of centre, his cross beyond the far post picked out Butlin to fire a volley goalwards that the keeper helped into the net at his near post.

Six minutes into the second half Wood sewed up the victory, a lovely through ball from Harris into the right of the box was collected at pace by Taylor, his low drive was half stopped by Pickering, the ball rolling towards goal, Taylor following up to tap the ball over the line.

The visitors pulled a goal back on 57 minutes, a neat left wing move gave Staniland space to pull the ball back across the face of the Wood box, Meade staying composed to reduce the deficit with a lovely low drive.

On 68 minutes Curritthers hit a cross beyond the far post, Drew Aiton timed his run to perfection and hit a superb curling volley that flew past keeper Pickering as Wood won comfortably.

penalty kick to make the score 13-10. Luke Pittaway the suffered a serious arm injury will sideline the hooker for months.

Just before the interval the visitors took the lead. Once again it was Saddington that did the damage with a bulldozing burst through the Walsall defence. Meadows added the conversion.

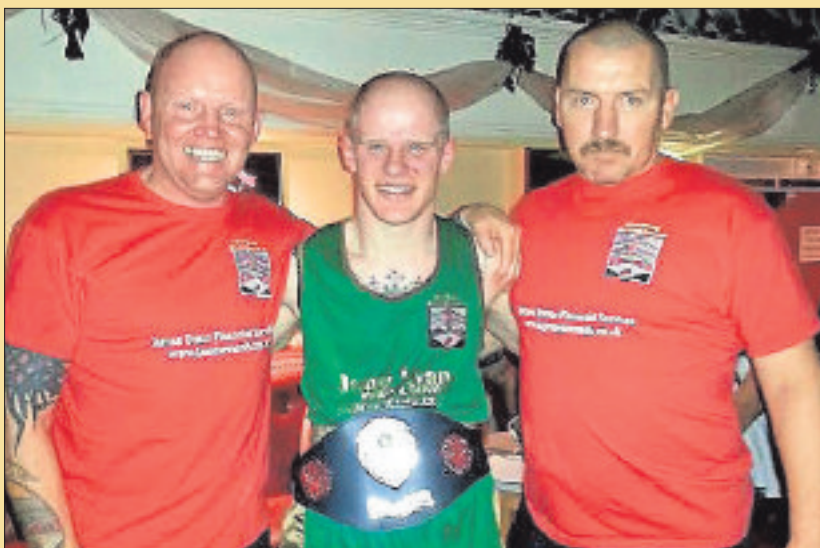
The second half started with Worcester having a prolonged period of pressure near the Walsall line. But the home defence held out and they were rewarded with a penalty when they gained a position inside their opponents half.

Weston put over the 35 metre kick.

But four minutes later, it was Meadows that was putting over a kick after yet another infringement in the tackle area.

The next penalty was awarded to Walsall

## Decision goes Roberts' way for the title



Pete Hickenbottom, Mitch Roberts the new Midlands Light Welterweight Champion and assistant coach Andy Peach

GREAT Wyrley Boxer Mitchell Roberts became the new Midlands Light Welterweight Champion in Bloxwich at the weekend with an exciting split decision over Walsall Wood's Kashif Khan.

In a real David and Goliath affair the 6ft 2ins Khan towered over the 5ft 4ins Roberts and he looked to utilise that advantage by flicking out long left hands.

Robert's patience was the key in the bout and he was picking his moments to attack. In the second round

Roberts started to take over landing jabs and hard hooks to the body as Khan tired rather quickly.

It was all Roberts in the last as he punched the fleeing Khan round the ring, landing one hard right hook in particular that splayed the long legs of Khan.

Coach Pete Hickenbottom said: "We'd seen Khan fight before and we devised a plan to take his jab away from him."

"We used tall sparring partners and Mitchell practised out jab-

bing them. Once he'd done that everything else flowed and we knew the belt was ours."

"It's no more than he deserves for all the hard work he puts in. He works 11 hours a day and then trains for two hours three-four times a week."

"He is really only a lightweight so we will be chasing that belt next. Seeing as it was Khan's 37th bout and only Mitchell's 14th it is a real achievement. Everyone at Great Wyrley ABC is so proud of him."

# Home side's fate is sealed by half time

Walsall 19 Worcester Wanderers 26  
THE hosts started well with early pressure resulting in Roger Weston putting over a 30 metre penalty.

But within three minutes the visitors were in front as a forward drive resulted in a try for their impressive No 8 Jacob Saddington with Ollie Meadows adding the conversion.

However, Roberts retaliated with a superb try that originated from a Benson line-out ball near the half way line.

A series of well-timed passes saw full back Chris Mould linking with Richard Fearnhead. The Walsall winger held onto the pass and crossed wide out.

Weston put over a testing conversion and then added a 30 metre penalty five minutes later. Meadows putting over a 30 metre

after Tarik Tin and Connor Fletcher had made good carries.

Weston continued to display pinpoint accuracy with his place kicking with another well struck 30 metre kick to make it 19 - 23.

The final score was another Meadows penalty after another transgression after a tackle.

Walsall face a testing game at Whitchurch on Saturday.

United enjoyed a 29-12 win at Bournville. Walsall had control of the game for long periods with their forwards gaining domination in most aspects of the game.

Try scorers for Walsall were: Dave Mott, Jeffrey Williamson, Richard Clarke, Adam Dugmore and an excellent individual effort from winger Drew Ebho.

Mitch Careless kicked two conversions.

Walsall 3rd XV had to work hard to secure a 39-29 league victory over Cannock 2nds.

Reece Bennett made an eye catching debut for the club, scoring four tries. One try each for Adam Payne, Richard Clay and Neil Green. Andy Field kicked two conversions.

Walsall Junior Rugby  
Evesham Colts 13 Walsall Colts 7

This was a good game of rugby between two equally matched sides. The game ebbed and flowed in the first half with both sides making breaks but not converting their chances.

Whitchurch U-16s 32 Walsall U-16s 26.  
Walsall U-15s 7 Stoke U-15s 41

Walsall played host to Stoke this week in a rearranged fixture.





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## Williams' hat-trick helps the Pics win

### Rushall 5 Stratford 0

AARON Williams scored a hat-trick to help Rushall Olympic see off Stratford Town at Dales Lane and go through to the next round of the FA Trophy.

Carlton McKenzie scored the pick of the goals with Aaron Farrell completing the rout.

The Pics were the better team from start to finish.

Chris Sterling had the first effort for the Southern League outfit, who had won 14 from their last 15 games going into the encounter, but his shot deflected wide off Jack Duggan.

The Rushall centre-back then went up the other end to flick on Kris Taylor's corner for Williams to head in after 19 minutes.

Just three minutes later and Rushall and Williams doubled their tally.

The Pics had all the possession and the away side found themselves 3-0 down five minutes before half-time.

McKenzie picked the ball up 30 yards from goal and struck the ball with amazing power into the top corner to beat Andy Kemp.

The hosts continued their dominance and it took just 30 seconds after the restart for them to add to their lead.

Farrell's cheeky backheel allowed Williams to slot in for his hat-trick.

## Khalsa four-ces lead wider

### Sporting Khalsa 4 W-ton SC 0

KHALSA stretched their lead at the top of the West Midlands Regional League with a comprehensive win.

Khalsa dominated throughout and but for some wayward finishing and an inspired performance by visiting goalkeeper Sam Benton, the scoreline would have looked even more one-sided.

The deadlock was broken on 33 minutes when Mike Perks rocketed home a 25 yard drive.

The stubborn resistance of the visitors finally crumbled on 73 minutes when Craig Bannister was felled in the penalty area and up stepped Tim Jackson to lash home the spot kick.

Another great save by Benton on 84 minutes denied Nisbett but a brace by Nicky Campbell in the closing stages to end things.

# Aldridge have to settle for sharing the spoils

### St Leonard's 24 Aldridge 24

A well-worked try into the corner by winger Nick Yates after just five minutes appeared to have given Aldridge the start they needed to go on to carve out a comfortable victory.

This wasn't to be though – they had better possession and territory in the first half but were well below par in converting this into points and St Leonard's had something to say about the score in the second.

Any momentum they did develop were frustrated by handling errors and silly penalties allowing the home side time to re-

### Rugby

group and take the game at their own pace.

The five-point lead stood until 10 minutes before half time when a spell of forward pressure lead to St Leonard's prop Dave Plant charging over close to the posts.

No10 stepped Martin Brazier and added the extras.

This represented a wake up call for Aldridge who at last developed the impetus to threaten the home side's line.

Tries from lock Eddie O'Neill close to

the posts and a second from Nick Yates – both converted by full-back Alex Yates gave them a comfortable looking 7-19 lead at the interval and when scrum-half Adam Reed crossed shortly after the restart it looked game set and match.

The home side had different ideas though – there was a game to be won and they set about executing it.

Aldridge meanwhile had switched off and by the time they realised they had a game on their hands the home side were making inroads into the deficit.

Two tries from No 8 Gareth Jones – the

second converted by full-back Carl Butler – put them firmly in the driving seat whilst the visitors lost composure and discipline as they struggled to get back into the game.

Right at the end the home side's persistence eventually paid off when No.10 Aaron Rogers crossed mid way out to level the scores.

However, what could have been the game-winning conversion was missed to end in a draw.

There were sighs of relief from Aldridge and sighs for what might have been from St Leonard's.

## Sheffield knocked for six

### Lichfield & Walsall District Football League Premier

LONGHORN FC 6 Sheffield FC 1

### League One

Dr. Johnson 11 Walsall Phoenix 1; Longdon Chet 3 Alma FC 1; Pelsall Villa Colts 1 Saddlers Arms 0

### League Two

Oak Park Rangers 4 GS Rockets 5; Q-Bar 7 Eximius Warriors 0

### League Three

AFC Collingwood 2 Scales FC 4; Ros Park 0 B'Wood Town Res. 7; Wych Elm FC 5 Cellar Door 4

### Walsall Sunday Challenge Cup - Group A

Swan FC 2 AFC Bush 3

### Lichfield Challenge Cup - Round One

Erdington Star 1 ASP Victoria 0

### Jack Donnelly Cup - Round One

Bowman FC 4 Hussey Arms 0; Dog FC 4 Trent Valley Rovers 1; Queens Head 2 Boney Hay 3

### Jack Donnelly Cup - Round Two

Duke of Wellington 3 Cannock Wood 2

## Boxing comes back to Hall

BOXING will make a return to Walsall this month.

The Blood In The Blood Country bout will take place on November 29 at Walsall Town Hall.

Headline match will see Tipton's Lee Glover take on undefeated prospect Chris Adaway, of Plymouth.

Glover, aged 21, made his paid debut recently.

Tickets are available from the Walsall Council box office on 0845 111 2900. Doors open at 6.30pm.

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# SADDLERS NEED BRADSHAW BACK

### Walsall 0 Peterborough 0

**FOR all Walsall's progress one big, unwanted statistic remains – they still haven't won a league game without Tom Bradshaw.**

Saturday's draw with Peterborough means they have now taken just two points from a possible 18 from games in which their top scorer has missed.

And with the 22-year-old's ongoing hamstring problems showing no signs of leaving for good, it's a real cause for concern. Manager Dean Smith felt Bradshaw may not have made much of a difference against the Posh.

We'll never know. But it is reasonable to surmise he would have done, in a match where the Saddlers had everything but the finish.

### Unbeaten

And while it might seem a little unfair to focus on their record without Bradshaw, when they are five games unbeaten and getting so much else right at the moment, it is unavoidable. The statistics speak for themselves.

The Saddlers have scored just 14 goals in 17 league games, with Bradshaw having contributed almost half. More worryingly, Romaine Sawyers' goal in last Wednesday's Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Sheffield United was the only time another Saddlers player, other than Bradshaw, has found the net in the last seven games across all competitions.

The general consensus around the dressing room is

### Football

that it will only be a matter of time before the rest start of the strike-force start firing. It needs to happen soon, or this may still be a season spent in the wrong half of the table.

On Saturday it was the turn of Mathieu Manset to be tested in a first league start for almost two months.

The big French striker didn't exactly flunk the exam, yet neither did he spectacularly pass it either.

There were moments, particularly in the first half, when his play looked promising and he got into several good positions. Yet all too often he let himself down with the execution, sending one all too memorable cross in particular clattering into the old scoreboard.

The best chances fell to Sawyers, who had an off day in front of goal. In the first half, he completely missed a Jordan Cook cross, where any notable touch would likely have beaten visiting keeper Ben Alnwick.

After half-time, he then shot wide left-footed from 12 yards out with just Alnwick to beat before seeing a late low drive saved.



Walsall's Paul Downing challenges Ben Alnwick during the scoreless draw at Banks's Stadium

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